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Hongkong, 15th May, 1908. [29

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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 12th January, 1907. [8

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Hongkong, 15th July, 1907. [89

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MANAGER.
Hongkong, 2nd July, 1907. [1

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Hongkong, 12th December, 1908. [8

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SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA	SYDNEY	Henric	4th Jan./09, P.M.
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Hongkong, 8th December, 1908. [14

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Hongkong, 30th November, 1908. [16

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THE Steamers
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SAIL FROM HONGKONG TWICE A WEEK AND COMPLETE THE ROUND TRIP IN 4 DAYS.
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Hongkong, 16th March, 1908. [9

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Yokohama, May 23rd, 1905. [39

Shipping—Steamers.

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Departure from Hongkong at 10 P.M. (Saturdays excepted).
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Hongkong, 9th October, 1908. [11

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Each bottle of genuine VIN SAINT-RAPHAEL *bears, in addition to the registered trade-mark:*

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SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.
Agents.

Hongkong, 31st July, 1907. [47

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORESS of the ITALIAN CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs most respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind patronage and support, and desires to state that she will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds of NEEDLE WORK.

Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Cuffs and Collars renewed on old ones.

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The Superioress will also be most grateful for any PAPER, or old ENVELOPES to be made into Books for the Children of the Poor Schools who are taught by the Sisters.

Hongkong, 22nd April, 1907. [64

FLOUR RATE TO HONGKONG.

COMPLAINTS OF PUGET SOUND MILLERS.

The *Seattle Post* of Nov. 11 says:—There was an unexpected turn in Oriental rates yesterday, when W. D. Benson, agent for the Transpacific Tariff Bureau, announced that the rate on flour to Hongkong had been reduced from $3.50 to $3 per ton of 2,000 pounds. This change took effect at once, although there was no sailing for the Far East yesterday, except the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner *Tosa Maru*, whose cargo was not affected.

It is understood that this sudden action was taken at the request of Puget sound millers who have been complaining of poor business in the Orient. The suspicions of the millers have been aroused by the heavy shipments of flour from Portland while the movement of this commodity from Puget sound has been extremely light for months.

That the millers suspect that their competitors on the Columbia river are getting some unfair advantage is an open secret. What this is no one will state positively, but it has been intimated that rates on flour are being secretly cut from Portland. No direct charges of this nature have been laid before the Transpacific Tariff Bureau, but by innuendo the assertion has been made.

While it is known that the reduction was made to afford Puget sound millers an even break, another expected result is to head off the competition of tramp tonnage which is likely to enter the field at this season. One tramp steamer is now on the Sound loading for Japan and the members of the tariff bureau are anxious to get all the business possible. Cargo has been light for months, and as the Oriental lines have been deprived of overland freight they are closely guarding what local merchandise is offered for transportation.

Under special tariff No. 1, effective October 1, the rates on flour and wheat in sacks to Yokohama, Kobe, Moji and Nagasaki is $3; to Shanghai and Manila, $4; to Hongkong, $3.50, and to Amoy, $4.50. The only change is the reduction of 50 cents in the rate to Hongkong. This schedule applies from Seattle, Tacoma, Everette, Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster, Astoria and Portland. The lines which are party to the tariff agreement are the Canadian Pacific, Nippon Yusen Kaisha, Portland & Asiatic Steamship Company, China Mutual, Ocean Steamship and Great Northern Steamship companies and Weir steamship lines.

FACTS FROM A SCIENTIST'S NOTE BOOK.

Brandy is about 50 per cent alcohol.

New South Wales has no workhouses.

The Simplon tunnel still holds the record for length.

The first gummed postage stamp was issued about 1840.

The tropical seas contain the greatest percentage of salt.

Colombo has four tides daily, and Malta has none at all.

The Salvation Army is operating in fifty-four countries and colonies.

The earth's atmosphere varies from 120 to 200 miles in depth.

The blind population of the world numbers sixty-four out of every million.

Smoking tobacco is now dispensed from penny-in-the-slot machines in London.

Some of the ice fields of Greenland are said to be a mile and a half in thickness.

Siberia, long regarded as a barren country, is now producing a great deal of foodstuffs.

Three hundred Berlin streets are planted with 43,000 trees, which are said to represent a value of $190,000. Nearly a thousand gardeners and assistants are employed to take care of them.

Every year there are 500 deaths from hunger and destitution in Great Britain.

The amount of wheat ruined by the rust is estimated at $5,000,000 per year.

The product of the British shipyards amounts to 20 or 25 per cent. of the whole.

Coffee was first produced in Arabia early in the fifteenth century. It was not imported into England until about 1657.

Married men of Belgium have two votes and and the single ones but one. Priests and some other privileged persons have three.

A new piece of highway appliance is in use in Washington, D. C., for the cleaning of snow from the gutters. The apparatus is a two-wheeled vehicle drawn by two horses, and having a steel blade about eighteen inches in width projecting beyond the wheel into the gutter at an angle with the curb, which blade is controlled by a lever operated by the driver from his seat. It was found that a plough can clean the snow from approximately three miles of gutters per hour. A labourer using a shovel will not clean much more than half as many miles of gutters in eight hours as a gutter plough will in one hour.

With the idea of increasing the practical value of the instruction in agriculture at the University of Wisconsin, a two-year course has been arranged to include the maximum amount of scientific and practical work. The present four-year course in agriculture has been revised with a view to introducing into the first two years a number of subjects bearing directly upon farming, instead of confining the first years of the course as heretofore to purely scientific work. Graduation from high school or equivalent preparation will be required for entrance to the new two-year course, as well as to the present four-year course. At least six months of practical farm experience will be required for the completion of either of these courses.

A CHILD'S APPEAL.

STORY OF PITIFUL HARDSHIP TOLD BY A LITTLE GIRL.

In the Editor's letter-box yesterday morning (Nov. 12) was the following pathetic little missive—eloquent in its very simplicity—from an Edmonton child of ten:—

Dear Mr. Edetar,—If you please will you put my letter in your paper then Perhaps sum kind Lady or Gentleman will help my dada he as been out of work nearly a year and he is not well I have two sisters and two little brothers they were all put out in the street a fourtnight ago they have no food, no fire, and no boots and no where to go Has they were taken in for a day or two but cannot stay there. Dada as been befor the Board of Gardians a fourtnight ago they promised him a day or two's work he has been before them again to day they say that he must wait till next week they did not give him any food I am staying with my Grandmother she does all she can for Dada but Grandfather is very old my little brothers and sisters wake up in the night and cry for bread and mother has not any to give them I am ten years old and my name is:

LILLIAN HARDING.

My Dada does not know I am writing this.

A representative of the *Morning Leader* who called yesterday at the address given, was able to satisfy himself that this pitiable story of unemployment was unhappily true in every detail.

FATHER IN ILL-HEALTH.

For over 12 months the father has been suffering from abscesses in the head, accelerated by consumption. He is a house-painter, a Berkshire man, 36 years of age, and highly respectable. Despite his ill-health he has been able to do one or two small jobs during the past 12 months, but he cannot now obtain employment of any kind.

There are five children: Lillie, aged ten; Nellie, thirteen; Effie, seven; Willie, five; and Archie, two. The two youngest are terribly ill-nourished. The children have, for a long time past, been living with the grand-parents, and the old people, despite their brave efforts to battle with adversity, can hold on no longer.

"We have tried to keep ourselves respectable, and to get a bite of food for the children and their parents, but we have travelled as far as we can go across the hard road, and can go no farther," said the grandmother.

The old woman has denied herself even the necessaries of life in order to keep her son and grandchildren going. There is not a sheet on the bed, and everything available has been pawned.

It was not until half an hour before the *Morning Leader* representative called that the father had an inkling of what his child—a bright little lassie—had done.

GUARDIANS' SYMPATHY.

"This very morning," said the man, "I went up to the board of guardians, but they would not give me anything. They said (this he emphasised with strong resentment) that I had never done a stroke of work in my life."

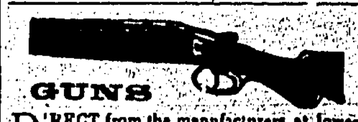
The man has lived for 26 years in Edmonton, and there are many neighbours who would willingly refute the statement if necessary.

The man has been tossed from one house to another, owing to his inability to pay the rent. He and his family were, in fact, to be turned out of their two miserable rooms last evening. There is no alternative but the street.

The man completely broke down while telling his story, and asked if any reader of the *Morning Leader* could assist him in finding light employment of any kind.

He belongs neither to trade union nor friendly society.

Intimations.



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Hongkong, 22nd June, 1908. [76

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Hongkong, 4th December, 1908. [19

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GRAND EXHIBITION OF OIL-PAINTINGS

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Admission.....50 cents.

Proceeds to be divided between the Hongkong Benevolent Society and the Tung Wah Hospital.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1908 [1066

THE IMPERIAL COLONIAL CLUB.

THE above Club is formed chiefly for COLONIAL and OVER-SEAS MEMBERS; it is situated at No. 84, Piccadilly (the centre of Clubland), opposite the Green Park.

The Club has a Bridge Section, Reception, Dining, Billiard Room, Smoking Lounge, Reading Room and Library.

Ladies are eligible as Members.

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Further particulars from THE ORGANISING SECRETARY, 84, Piccadilly, W.

London, 19th August, 1908 [769

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Hongkong, 10th March, 1908. [4

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A GRUESOME CEREMONY.

CREMATION OF THE BONES OF 1,031 PERSONS.

Tongkah, 7th Nov.

A new road, branching off the terminus of the principal street of Tongkah, has just been opened to traffic. A great many years ago a bit of land, along this road, was used as a burial ground and, as it was recently required by the public for other purposes, the bones were dug up, and the gruesome ceremony of cremating them was performed last Faiday, and witnessed by hundreds of people, mostly women.

On the brow of a hillock, about half-a-mile from Tongkah town, an attap shed, about 50 feet long, 20 feet wide and 15 feet high, was erected, on the floor of which firewood soaked with kerosine oil, was strewn. On the top of this were piled boxes upon boxes—tea boxes, silk boxes, cement casks, etc.—containing human bones. There were over a hundred boxes, and the excavators' account showed that they had dug up the bones of 1,031 persons. On the ground around these firewood was stacked.

In front of the huge pile square tables were placed side-by-side, on which were spread Siamese and Chinese viands of every description, all the fruits procurable at this season of the year, and various kinds of wines and spirits. At 11 o'clock the priests arrived—two Chinese and some forty Siamese—who, after some preliminary preparations, started chanting prayers on either side of the tables, whilst sitting, standing or lounging, near by, were Siamese and Chinese women, old and young, with a sprinkling of men, each holding a small packet in his or her hand containing a pair of red candles, a roll of joss sticks and a pad of joss paper. Some attended for the purpose of acquiring "merit" (*Thamboon*); some were present because they were not quite sure whether they had not some remote ancestor whose bones were there; but not one present could say for certain that, included in the lot, were the bones of his or her ancestor; the cemetery having been used so very long ago.

By 3 o'clock the priests had finished their prayers, and then huge piles of joss paper and sticks were burnt and crackers fired, after which the food, etc. were distributed among the beggars, who, clustering in small groups lazily smoking cigars or cigarette ends, had been waiting since the morning, like flocks of vultures over the body of a dead buffalo, which was being skinned by a couple of men, and which they dared not, as yet, approach.

A little after 4 o'clock, the huge pile was fired and, assisted by the wind, the attaps, poles, planks, firewood and bones were consumed in one big blaze. The heat was intense, and for a while the blue sky was curtained from view by the smoke, but it soon cleared; and what remained of 1,031 persons—infants and babies, boys and girls, lads and lasses, men and women, young or old, pretty or ugly—were reduced to ashes. The ashes were collected in boxes the next morning by a couple of Chinese coolies and will be interred in a tomb.

The expenses in connection with the ceremony were paid out of private subscriptions raised by one of the "Kumoan," or headmen of the Chinese community.—*Straits Echo.*

HEALTHY NAVY.

GREAT DECREASE IN SICKNESS, DISEASE, AND DEATHS.

In a statistical report of the health of the navy for the year 1907 it is stated that the returns for the total force for the year was found to show a still further improvement on the satisfactory report of last year, and the average loss of service for each person has dropped to 10.46 days.

The total force in the year 1907 was 108,740, and the total number of cases of disease and injury entered on the sick list was 75,151, which is in the ratio of 692.94 per 1,000, showing a decrease of 85.23 per 1,000, as compared with the average ratio of the last five years.

The average number of men sick daily was 3,118.4, giving a ratio of 28.67 per 1,000, a decrease of 3.52 per 1,000 in comparison with the last five years' ratio.

The total number of persons invalided was 2,322, which gives a ratio of 21.35 per 1,000, showing a decrease of 3.18 per 1,000 in comparison with the average ratio for the last five years.

The total number of deaths was 365, giving a ratio of 3.35 per 1,000, showing a decrease of 1.05.

EASTERN WAITERS.

THE ORIENTAL ATMOSPHERE AT THE NEW LIPTON'S.

At eleven o'clock yesterday morning (Nov. 12) the first Lipton Restaurant, on Kingsway, was opened to the public, and from that hour, until late in the afternoon, the premises were continuously filled. It was found necessary to close the doors on several occasions, and arrange for patrons to enter in relays.

The scheme of decoration can only be described as delightful. No pains have been spared to make this tea shop look as little like a tea shop as possible.

As to the waitresses, something more than words are needed to describe them.

Lipton's "neat-handed Phyllis," arrayed in a tasteful black dress, with a dainty embroidered apron of snowy whiteness, is quite out of the ordinary, and must be seen to be appreciated.

The real novelty of the new establishment, however, lies in the fact that there are six Indian men waiters and six Cingalese. One of the former, a rotund individual, stands at the entrance to open the door for customers, and incidentally to amuse the small boys of the locality.

Silent-footed, civil, and anxious to oblige, these sons of the East are admirably adapted for the service.

It is all very quaint, very novel, and very interesting, and no doubt London will make a point of seeing this, the newest venture in the catering world.

INTERNATIONAL OPIUM CONFERENCE.

AMERICAN DELEGATE INTERVIEWED.

Dr. Hamilton Wright of the United States Commission to the International Opium Conference at Shanghai has already begun an investigation of the opium question in the Philippines and when Bishop Brent, the head of the Commission returns to Manila, it is probable that the two will make a tour of the southern islands for a further and more complete investigation of the subject. Dr. Wright brings the news that the United States government proposes to completely clean its own hands in the opium business by enacting a law at the forthcoming session of Congress that will prevent the importation of prepared opium for smoking purposes and the manufacture of smoking opium within the United States.

"At the present time," said Dr. Wright in an interview with a representative of the *Manila Times* on 2nd inst., "we are regularly importing 145,000 pounds of prepared opium into the United States every year and it is estimated that the smugglers get in 60,000 pounds annually. Besides that, 500,000 pounds of gum opium is annually brought in ostensibly for medicinal purposes but we have expert opinion that not nearly that much is needed legitimately. We have been making a very searching investigation during the last year and it is very clear that the use of the drug is constantly increasing. Our lower order of immoral men and women and the negroes in the north are using it in increasing numbers.

"Our plan is to absolutely stop the importation and prohibit the manufacture of prepared opium and by placing the traffic in gum opium brought in for medicinal purposes under rigid laws and the supervision of the Internal Revenue department to check the improper use of the drug."

"It is not generally known but it is the fact that a letter written by Bishop Brent to President Roosevelt more than a year ago led to the calling of the conference which will meet at Shanghai on February 1.

Dr. Hamilton Wright is not Hamilton M. Wright who wrote a handbook on the Philippines, but a medical man and scientist of Washington who has given many years of study to the opium question, and scientific questions arising particularly in the tropics and the Orient.

WHAT IS BEER?

SOME OF ITS CONSTITUENTS.

Mr. Lloyd-George, in answer to a question by Sir John Barker, states that the following articles, other than malt, hops, sugar, yeast, and water, have come under the notice of the Inland Revenue Department as being occasionally used in the manufacture or preservation of beer:—

Rice, flaked rice, rice grits, rice malt, gelatinised rice.

Maize, flaked maize, maize grits, maize flour.

Oats, flaked, rolled, malted, and crushed.

Torrefied barley.

Yeast foods. These include solid and liquid preparation of peptonised yeast sold, under various trade names, as nutramide, peptomide, dalline, etc., mixtures of malt flour and alkaline phosphates, common salt, etc., and preparations of malt combings, etc.

Preservatives. Mainly sulphites of soda and potash, and sold under various trade names, e.g., kalium metasulphite (K.M.S.), sulphosite, etc. Salicylic and boracic acids are also occasionally used as preservatives.

"Burtoniters" (substances used for hardening brewing waters) are chiefly sulphates and chlorides of calcium and magnesium.

Neutralisers. Mainly carbonates of potash and soda and sold under various trade names as regenerator, acid neutraliser, antacid, etc.

Hop substitutes: Catechu or cutch, tannin, extrait de houblons d'Alsace, Davis' hop substitute, optanin, quassia and preparations containing quassia.

Preparations used to precipitate albuminous matters from wort, mainly gelatine, Iceland moss, Irish moss, alginol, ibrite, etc.

Miscellaneous brewing materials: Albumen maltose, linseed, liquorice, amide syrup (ceramide), dextrin.

"SHINANO MARU" BUFFETTED.

JAPANESE LINER IN A GALE.

With her master, Capt. K. Kawara, seriously ill, and bringing an account of severe encounter with gales, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line steamship *Shinano Maru* reached port at 7 o'clock last night, reports the *Seattle Post* of 13th ult. Passenger and freight business on the *Shinano* was the smallest in many months. Other than a shipment of 700 bales of raw silk no important freight was brought to the Sound.

Capt. Kawara was injured by being thrown against a hatch covering during a heavy blow shortly after leaving Yokohama. It is feared that ribs have been broken, and, affected by a severe cold, the possibilities of pneumonia are being considered. He was kept in his room practically all of the voyage, but upon reaching Cape Flattery, early yesterday morning, thick weather brought him to the bridge to aid in navigating the ship. The exposure proved unfavourable, leaving the patient in a rather serious condition upon arrival here.

The *Shinano Maru* is the second arrival in Seattle from the Orient since the inauguration, November 1, of the interstate commerce ruling affecting tariff on overseas freight. With both ships the cargoes have been but a minor fraction of the capacity. The situation strongly supports the contention of many informed shippers that with the carrying out of the new rate ruling, ocean trade would be sadly demoralized.

Fifty-six passengers were landed in Seattle from the *Shinano Maru*. The list included but nine cabin passengers.

Intimations.

FOUNDED IN HONOUR.

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12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. ...Every 10 minutes.
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. ...Every 15 minutes
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. ...Every 10 minutes.
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9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. ...Every 15 minutes
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11.45 a.m. to 12.00 noon...Every 15 minutes
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Hongkong, 15th April, 1901 [19

Consignees.

FROM EUROPE.

THE H. A. L. Steamship "ISTRIA," Captain Lüning, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before TO-DAY.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed at consignees' risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 14th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 14th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1908. [1051

S.S. "ERNEST SIMONS."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex s.s. *Dordogne* and *Medoc*, from Bordeaux ex s.s. *Ville de Constantine* and *Ville de Dunkerque*, in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 6 P.M., TO-DAY, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 14th December, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 14th December, or they will not be recognised.

All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 14th December, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. NALIN, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1908. [1

FROM NEW YORK.

THE H. A. L. Steamship "ARAGONIA," Captain Meyer, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before TO-DAY.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed at Consignee's risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 17th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 16th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1908. [1061

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer "DELTA," FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at *their risk* in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted, on mask, by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—

From London, &c., *ex* S.S. *India*.
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MALARIA AMONG KOWLOON RAILWAY WORKMEN.

"It will take years for the new ideas on malaria to take a place in the consideration of the engineer when designing or carrying out new works," writes Dr. Malcolm Watson, of the Federated Malay States, in the latest number of the *Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene*. Corroboration of what might, from a layman's point of view, seem to be a somewhat rash assertion is found to a certain extent in the great number of Europeans engaged in tunnelling on the Kowloon-Canton railway who are chronic sufferers from malarial fever. Like everything else connected with the phantom railway on the peninsula it is practically impossible to obtain data which would show what proportion of the European workmen have become subject to malarial fever since they began operations at the tunnel, but we should not be at all surprised to learn that there is not a single member of the original staff of employés now at work on the railway. Some have died, while many have been sent home invalided, the malaria germ having become so firmly established in their system that it was impossible to retain their services longer, while others with no claim on the benevolence of the contractors, have charitably been told to go. It is highly probable, of course, that the violent attacks of malaria experienced by the Europeans have been super-induced by reckless habits of living and in many instances by over-indulgence in strong drink. The life of the workers at the tunnel is one long monotonous round of daily toil, relieved only by flying visits to the city where the pent-up feelings of weeks find expression in a carnival of dissipation. The worker returns to his task perhaps less fit than ever to withstand the insidious disease and the strongest constitutions in time are undermined. But even if the men were plaster saints in glass cases they could not claim immunity from the deadly fever which lurks along the low-lying ground in the New Territories. Europeans who are not given to excess in any marked degree fall as readily into the toils as those who believe in "seeing life" at stated periods. And it is not only the Europeans who are affected, but also the Indians and Chinese, about whom less is heard. The tunnel and its environs, in fact, from all we can gather, are a veritable hotbed of the scourge, and the white and coloured races are equally susceptible to the effects of the disease, which will hang about them until they are removed to another climate. There is supposed to be a cottage hospital at Shatin or somewhere in that vicinity for the use of the railway employés, but if all accounts are to be trusted nobody goes near it, least of all the afflicted workmen. At all events, when the Europeans are so seriously ill with malaria that they are scarcely fit to stand—and a temperature of 104° is not at all uncommon among men who are trying to fight the disease in the tunnel—they are packed off bag and baggage to the Government Civil Hospital, which appears to be the only place where they can be certain of being relieved and temporarily patched up. We say temporarily, because when the fever has found its way into the bones it is almost impossible to effect its expulsion so long as the patient remains in Hongkong. Now what we should like to know is whether this state of affairs could not be remedied? It must be heart-rending to those on the spot to watch their companions striving vainly day after day to combat the disease and only giving in when tired nature refuses any longer to offer opposition. As we have said, several good English lives have been lost already owing to malarial fever—whose characteristics may have taken an exaggerated form through the weakened state of the frame, the result of dissipation perhaps—and there is little doubt that the humbler class of workmen, the Indians and Chinese, have also been great sufferers. In these circumstances it is surely high time that some steps should be taken by the Government to preserve the health of the workmen against the microbe which seems to work its will on those engaged in the construction of the railway. Dr. Malcolm Watson asserts that it is the engineers who are primarily responsible for the existence of malaria where malaria was previously a negligible quantity. He contends that engineers ought to realise that the construction of roads and public works, by producing breeding-places for mosquitoes, are important agents in spreading malaria and filaria. In the course of his article, Dr. Watson remarks:—"In connection with this subject, but the remark is equally applicable to all engineering works (railways included), much of the sickness attributed in a vague way to the opening up of a new country and the disturbance of soil is due to the mosquito-breeding places created by these works. While the works are in progress, it would in many instances be easy to avoid the creation of these, but once the labour is gone it is a more troublesome and expensive affair. Not an inconsiderable amount of the money spent at Klang and Port Swettenham on anti-malarial works would have been saved had some attention been given to these small but important points. It will take some time before the new ideas are reflected in engineering practice. To hasten this time, and to diminish the amount that will ultimately have to be undone, it will be necessary to impress on the engineering mind that work which without excuse leaves a trail of malaria behind it is bad engineering. I would suggest that Government inform the engineering department that the responsible engineer may, during the progress, and shall, on the completion of all works, be required to certify that as far as practicable no unnecessary pools have been created, and drainage has not been interfered with." Further, a clause requiring attention to similar details should be inserted in all contracts. Simple as this expedient appears, I believe it would be of very great educative value by constantly keeping the matter before the engineer." Dr. Watson goes on to say that the stamping out of malaria, or at least reducing it to a minimum, is a much more hopeful affair than has hitherto been anticipated. The extreme complexity of the life-history of the parasite allows one to break the cycle at many points. The experience of Klang and Port Swettenham, taken with the knowledge that malaria has died out in the Fen country of England, while anopheles still flourish in considerable numbers, all points in the same direction. He therefore urges upon the Government that to abolish malaria it is not necessary to abolish mosquitoes completely, and that measures intelligently directed at the disease may at once cost little and be strikingly effective. In a lucid summing-up, which cannot be pleasing to engineers however true it may be, Dr. Watson submits that: "Engineers do not yet realize the enormous influence for good or evil which they possess: that the manner in which they carry out the details of their work, while it may be of little consequence from an engineering point of view, may be of vital importance to the public health in a tropical country. Of course, it is bad engineering to do work which requires costly alteration at a later date, when at the original cost the work could have been done once and for all time. It will take years for the new ideas on malaria to take a place in the consideration of the engineer when designing or carrying out new works. . . In pioneer work in the tropics, where the health officer and the engineer are so much thrown together, it is desirable to remove all sources of friction, and it cannot be denied that when a health officer continually has 'the honour' of inviting the engineer's attention to a swamp which he has unwittingly made, and which will necessitate his asking for money to undo the work which he has just completed, the officers concerned will be hardly human if friction does not result." We do not, of course, suggest that the engineers engaged in constructing the Kowloon-Canton railway have left undone anything that would conduce to the health of the employés, because as laymen the subject is outside our province, but it certainly does seem to us that there is something wrong somewhere when so many workmen, European and native alike, fall victims to the disease without apparently any additional remedial measures being adopted. The matter is one that requires the serious attention of the Government.

CHINESE MISSIONARIES TO CONVERT ENGLAND.

Considerable interest has apparently been aroused in England in connection with a protest made by a number of ladies against the practice of hunting hares in March, which appears to be one of the "sports" followed by the promising youths attending Eton. The subject is not one likely to become a burning question in the Far East and if it were not for the fact that a Chinese reformer, who is a humanitarian at heart, has seen fit to intervene in the discussion we should not be inclined to devote much attention to it. To understand the position, it will be necessary to give the gist of the protest which is signed by a score of ladies, including countesses, viscountesses, and a whole host of titled dames, including, as may well be imagined, a suffragette or two. The protest, which was addressed to the headmaster of Eton, and has been extensively quoted in the newspapers, says: "To many of those who are advocates of field sports in general, it seems that the hunting of a creature so timorous and defenceless as the hare, is at best but little calculated to foster those qualities of manliness and courage which it is so desirable to develop in the youth of our nation; but to hunt the female hare at a time when she is handicapped by the burden which nature imposes on her, would seem to be not merely contrary to the spirit of true sportsmanship, but positively demoralising and degrading to all who consciously participate in it." The appeal to the headmaster to withdraw his countenance from this cruel and demoralising practice is emphasised in the following terms: "If it were proposed by the Education Committee of one of the County Councils to afford opportunities for the boys attending its schools to hunt hares in March, can it be doubted that there would be a general outcry against such a suggestion, and is it altogether reasonable that in this particular respect the morals of Eton boys—so many of whom, by their position in life, are destined in later years to afford conspicuous examples for good or evil—should be regarded as of less account to themselves and the community than the morals of the boys of lowlier station, who attend the ordinary elementary schools?" Three days after that protest appeared in the press, the headmaster of Eton wrote to the *Times* to announce an Eton Mission to China, and Old Etonians were invited to join in giving China "an opportunity of the best education and of learning Christianity." The *Humanitarian*, which holds the principle that "it is iniquitous to inflict avoidable suffering on any sentient being," takes up the subject and in a scathing rebuke directed against those who indulge in the inhuman "sport" of hare hunting in March, remarks: "Are the Eton authorities so devoid of the least grain of humour that they do not see the rank absurdity of thus posing as the superiors of a highly-civilised nation, when their own school stands convicted of the most disgusting savagery at home? It would be far more pertinent that China should send a Mission to Eton; and we shall at least take care that the inhabitants of Chentu, where the Mission is to be posted, are fully informed as to the character of the sports indulged in by their instructors." It is at this stage that the Chinese humanitarian comes on the scene. The name of this reformer of English morals is Ching Ping, and he also has addressed an epistle to the headmaster of Eton on the subject of hare-hunting. But he is no mere regenerator in thought; he believes in action and he intends to bring a Chinese Mission to Eton and to preach to the young hopefuls of the noble families of England on the subject of cruelty. The letter is rather a curiosity in its way and may be published *in extenso*. It runs as follows:—

Honoured Sir,—I have read with deep interest, and no little surprise, your recent letter in *The Times* on the proposed establishment of an Eton Mission in my native town of Chentu, for the purpose of giving to China "an opportunity of the best education and of learning Christianity." It may interest you no less to hear that, with the aid of some fellow-citizens who, like myself, are conversant with English manners, I have determined to return the compliment by bringing a Chinese Mission to Eton, in order to give the boys some elementary lessons in the duty of humaneness to animals. I would remind you of that ancient British proverb, "Charity begins at home." It being notorious, even as far as Chentu, that one of the recognised amusements of Eton boys is the "blooding" of hounds and the "breaking up" of hares—practices which would be regarded in any Chinese school as utterly wicked and immoral—it is evident that we Orientals may, without presumption, send a message of humanity and civilisation to your young barbarians of the West, of whom it has been said by a well-known writer that "they begin their education in brutality when they ought to be learning to say their prayers." I feel confident, Sir, that you yourself, as a fellow-vegetarian, whose personal tastes, if I may say so, are much more akin to those of Chinamen than of Etonians, will welcome this Mission which I hope shortly to introduce. My opening address will be entitled "The Sin of Cruelty, a Sermon preached to Christian Eton by a Heathen from Cheotu." I remain, etc.,

CHING PING.

What with Scotch Buddhists endeavouring to gain converts in London and Chinese reformers preaching the gospel of humanity it would appear that the "yellow peril" has arrived, but not in the guise expected. Still, it is a noteworthy feature of modern life and the result of this propaganda work may be more far-reaching than people imagine. Has it not been the usual course of events for the missionary to lead the way, preparing the path for the trader, who ultimately calls to his assistance the military forces of his country? To put it another way; the Bible goes first, then follows the rum, and finally the flag is hoisted. If the Orientals are adopting similar tactics they are only following the lead given by the Christian nations of the Occident. Cortes conquered Mexico in the name of His Most Christian Majesty the King of Spain, and Pizarro never started on a trail in Peru without the presence of a goodly assortment of priests. When Britain at heaven's command arose from out the azure main she did not despise the services of the clergy, and there is many a nook and corner in the British Empire which would never have been coloured red on the map if it had not been for the self-sacrificing labours of the pioneer missionaries—who did not live on the fat of the land in those days—and the turbulent traders who were always in need of protection. It seems impossible, then, to gainsay the fact that the Oriental invasion of Great Britain has begun along the lines which have proved most successful when applied by Westerners. A Chinaman at the head of a Mission formed to propagate the blessings of humanity and civilisation among the young barbarians at home has a ludicrous aspect but there may be more in it than meets the eye.

"STITCH, STITCH, STITCH."

Medical science is a wonderful thing in these days. By its means an individual may have all the organs of his body removed, apparently, and yet be a better man physically than his neighbour. There is no limit to the surgeon's experiments, and what a knife and a piece of horse hair cannot achieve is beyond human understanding. America is the land of simple remedies and daring experiments and it is from America that the latest marvel in surgical skill comes. Everybody knows what is meant by "Aldermanic proportions"; it is exactly the same idea which is conveyed by the term "bountiful corporation" and in ladies is toned down to the mild 'tendency to embonpoint." Now, there are some cross-grained aldermen who take serious objection to the bulging effect which numerous plates of turtle soup and copious draughts of old port are apt to produce on the nether regions of the human anatomy. It is not now deemed necessary to possess Falstaffian girth in order to maintain worthily the traditions of the Guildhall, and there are even lean, scraggy, hungry-looking specimens of humanity—mentioned by Shakespeare—persons fit for treasons and suspect of evil designs who have warmed their way into high civic places. But these are exceptions, because long before a man has approved himself of his fellows he has attained a rotundity of figure and assumed a benignity of countenance which are the fruits of high living and placid or vacant minds. Still as we have said, the ribaldry of the vulgar riff-raff who compare the ample calves of Jeames the butler with the pagado-circles of his master's triple chins, and the honorificability of the state coachman with longitudinality of the civic paunch, has affected many of His Majesty's loyalest subjects even to tears. With the assistance of our American cousins the wish of those who would look upon their feet once again before they die may be gratified; all that is necessary is to have a couple of tucks taken in their stomachs—to use a low but handy expression. The "inventor" of this method of curtailing the natural exuberance of a healthy and well-cared-for stomach is Dr. Henry D. Beyea, whose address is 1734 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, where all the dentists and doctors of divinity come from. The patient who has unwillingly become a second edition of jolly King Hal is treated, not for enlarged liver or generous spleen, but for an ailment known as gastroposis, otherwise called dropped stomach. The technical term would suffice for most people. What are aldermen famous for besides their corporeal protuberance? Is it not "gas" of the most effervescent sort and "gas" is the first syllable in the medical world which is coined to suit the complaint. It may be said that politicians such as scramble for high places in the United States are also found to be men of great weight, but is not "gas" another name for that delightful American product known as "hot air"? According to an American writer, there are two ways of winning renown as a man of massive build: one is to bolt your food as if Grabiel's horn was about to be sounded and the other is to gorge yourself at any old banquet that comes along. "In America" we are told, "when the stomach is filled to more than overflowing, when the walls of the 'bread basket' are stretched almost to the bursting point, then the very proper thing is to do something that nearly jars the back teeth into the œsophagus, and aggravates the stretching of the stomach," which is a rather neat way of expressing that vulgar operation known to sufferers of *mal de mer*. "The result of these various indiscretions of the American people is permanently to distend the stomach, stretch it so that it gets out of place, and by reason of being stretched, cannot properly contract and assist in digesting the food," which is extremely learned. In order that the common or garden reader may understand the position thoroughly the following illustration may be useful: "On just the same principle as a piece of rubber, stretched once, will spring back into place, but stretched repeatedly and kept distended, will lose its elasticity—just so does the stomach refuse in time to jump back into place." That is the whole matter in a nutshell. The cause of all indigestion is believed by many physicians to be due to the shifting of the stomach from its normal position, so that the food is neither properly digested nor readily assimilated. By taking a number of stitches and shortening the ligaments to which the organ is attached, it is brought back to its proper position. This is the principle successfully evolved by Mr. Beyea. The operation, it is reported, has been performed no less than ten times with the most gratifying success, both to the operator and the party operated on. In fact, it is so pleasant, and the sensation is so delicious and invigorating that it is likely to become the fad of the season, and you will be voted "bad form" unless you can point with pride to the eight or ten stitches that have been taken in your stomach. It is improbable, however, that Hongkong surgeons will benefit to any great extent by the incoming fashion. People here are so busy thinking of the wherewithal to fill up empty gaps in their stomach and in the abnormally absorbent stomachs of the rising generation that they have no necessity as a rule to indulge in stitches. Indeed they prefer a good "tuck" in their stomach to half a dozen tucks outside.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE English mail of the 14th November was delivered in London on the 11th inst.

THE superintendent of the Great Northern Telegraph Co., Ltd., advises that the Yokohama and Kobe lines are interrupted. Tokio line is working slowly.

THE German Government has decided to disband the so-called "Eastern Asiatic detachment," which hitherto garrisoned Kiao-chow, replacing it by a marine detachment formed from the 3rd Battalion of Marine.

ON Wednesday, the 11th ult., an auction was held at Sandakan of the late Panglima Haji Abdul Kadir. Amongst other articles for sale were seven very fine brass cannon which were purchased by the China Borneo Co.

THE China Borneo Co. have just finished and launched a new lighter for the New London Borneo Tobacco Co., Ltd. Her dimensions are: length 55 feet, beam 15 feet and depth 7 feet 6 inches. This new lighter has been called the *Ranau*.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. G. A. Woodcock to act as deputy registrar and accountant, Supreme Court, during the absence on leave of Mr. J. W. Lee-Jones or until further notice, with effect from the 12th instant.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to re-appoint, provisionally and subject to His Majesty's pleasure, the Honourable Mr. Wei Yuk, C.M.G., to be an unofficial member of the Legislative Council for a further period of six years, with effect from the 21st October, 1908.

IT has been decided by the members of the Grand Council to establish a special department which will be charged with the control of the mercantile marine of the country. It is probable that the new department will be put under the superintendence of the Ministry of War.

THE Rules made by the Governor-in-Council on the 8th September, 1905, and as subsequently amended, as to the conduct of examinations for certificates of competency in the Mercantile Marine have been further amended. The new rules are published in the current issue of the *Gazette*.

ON the evening of the 27th ultimo, over 200 houses were destroyed by fire at the town of Isohama, Ibaragi prefecture. The damage is estimated at about Y30,000. The streets devastated were chiefly inhabited by the poorer classes, and the condition of the people burnt out is said to be miserable in the extreme.

ILLUSTRATED wall calendars for the coming year continue to arrive. The latest to hand have been from:—The Victoria Dispensary; Albingia Fire Insurance Co., of Hamburg (Messrs. Carlowitz & Co., Hongkong agents) and the Lancashire Insurance Co. represented by Messrs. Arnhold, Karberg & Co., in Hongkong.

International Opium Conference.

HONGKONG'S REPRESENTATIVE.

MR. CECIL CLEMENTI NOMINATED.

In accordance with instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to nominate Mr. Cecil Clementi as representative of Hongkong, to assist the British Imperial Delegates at the forthcoming International Conference on Opium at Shanghai.

Mr. Clementi, who is the author of the now famous memorandum on the consumption of opium in China and Hongkong, has devoted himself to a thorough and conscientious study of the opium question, both scientifically and commercially. His exhaustive researches into this absorbing question, with special reference to Hongkong and its revenue, should stand him in good stead as the Colony's representative at the Conference.

NEW ORDINANCES.

GOVERNOR'S ASSENT.

His Excellency the Governor has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King, to the following Ordinances passed by the Legislative Council:—An Ordinance to amend The Fire Insurance Companies Ordinance 1908; an Ordinance to amend The Interpretation Ordinance 1897 and to remove an ambiguity in the construction of the same; and an Ordinance to amend The Companies Ordinance 1865.

THE DECLINE OF SILVER.

EFFECT OF DECLINE ON TRADE

The decline in silver, which was quoted yesterday (3rd inst.) at 32d. per oz., according to London advices, is seriously affecting the trade with China, says the *Japan Chronicle*. Japanese merchants engaged in the trade are becoming seriously alarmed. A vernacular contemporary observes that the low price of silver has caused a congestion of goods on the market in China, and Chinese merchants in Kobe are hesitating to purchase stocks, business being almost at a standstill. At the present period of the year in China, when labourers are returning from the North and the new year is rapidly approaching, sales of goods usually increase, but with silver at its present rate, the shipment of Japanese goods shows no profit, so that the trade with China is almost at a standstill.

The yarn market has further declined. The closing quotations on the Osaka Yarn Exchange on the 1st instant as compared with the closing rates on the 28th ultimo, were as follows:—

	Dec. 1.	Nov. 28.
December delivery.....	Y104.45	Y106.60
January "	105.00	106.95
February "	105.00	—

The above are the lowest figures reached for some time past.

IN the Marine Court, this morning, before the Hon. Commander Basil R. H. Taylor, R.N., Harbour Master, P.C. Edward Bond charged Wong Mui, a boatwoman, with carrying cargo in her passenger boat other than passengers' baggage yesterday. P.C. Bond stated that at 11.30 a.m. yesterday, he saw defendant's boat in the Central Fairway piled up with cargo, including kerosine oil, on her way ashore. She had no passengers on board at the time. Defendant's license allowed her to carry passengers only. The defendant stated that what she carried was the passengers' luggage. The passengers themselves were in another boat. A fine of $5 was imposed.

THE impending naval changes include two officers well known on the China Station—Vice-Admiral the Hon. Sir A. G. Curzon-Howe, K.C.B., late second in command of the China Squadron, who has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet. The other is Rear-Admiral G. A. Callaghan, C.B., who, from the command of the Fifth Cruiser Squadron, has been appointed the second in command of the Mediterranean Fleet. Rear-Admiral Callaghan, whilst captain of the cruiser *Endymion*, in 1900, commanded the Naval Brigade in the advance to the relief of the Peking Legations, for which service, which he carried out with much ability, he was made a Companion of the Bath.

CHINESE ladies are very fond of jewels, according to a story told by Sir Alexander Hosie, the British Attaché at Peking, in his report issued recently. "I was a passenger on a train between Peking and a young Chinese couple joined the train. The gentleman paid but little attention to his companion, and, I judged she was either his sister or his wife. He bought a number of native papers and at once commenced to read. Her thumb and the four fingers of each hand were simply covered with gold rings encrusted with stones of every description from diamond to turquoise. She seemed oppressed by her adornment and held her hands straight down, being so encased in rings as to be unable to bend her fingers."

CAPTAIN David Beatty, M.V.O., D.S.O., who has been gazetted a naval aide-de-camp to the King in succession to Captain Eden Bradford, promoted to Flag rank, is a healthy Irishman, who has had a most distinguished career. The son of Captain D. L. Beatty, of Borodale, county Wexford, he was born in 1871, and entered the Navy at the age of 13. For his bravery in the Soudan he was mentioned in despatches, awarded the Medjidie medal as well as the D.S.O. decoration, and promoted to the rank of commander. His service in China in 1900 won for him further honours, and he was again mentioned in despatches. Seven years ago Captain Beatty married Miss Ethel Field, daughter of Marshall Field, the millionaire storekeeper of Chicago.

Telegrams.

[*Reuter's.*]

Austria and the Near East.

LONDON, 10th December.

It is stated in Vienna that the terms of Austria's reply to the Russian note regarding the conference, transmitted on the 8th inst., promise a favourable continuance of negotiations.

Russia.

The Duma has passed a Government Bill for closing the free ports on the Amur and in Transhailalia (? Transbaikalia).

The supporters of the measure declared that closing was necessary to end the peaceful conquest of the territories by foreigners.

The United States Budget.

The yearly report of Mr. Cortelyou anticipates a deficit of £29,000,000, to cover which extensive taxation will be necessary.

Later.

The Turkish Navy.

Great Britain has agreed to lend an Admiral to Turkey, to re-organise the Turkish Navy.

The Situation in the Near East

The Vienna *Neue Frei Presse* reports, and the Ottoman Ambassador to Berlin has wired to Constantinople, that Prince Buelow strongly advises Count Aehrenthal to come to terms with Turkey, because perilous developments may arise at any moment.

FISHING JUNK LOOTED.

PIRATES AT WORK IN MIRS BAY.

The details of another daring piracy were reported to the Police yesterday morning. The deed was committed at Lung Shun Wan, an island in the vicinity of Mirs Bay, and not very far away from Hongkong.

At about five o'clock on the morning of the 6th instant, a fishing junk left Shau-ki-wan harbour on a fishing expedition There were on board five of a crew—four men and the skipper's wife. In the afternoon of that day, they arrived off Lung Shan Wan, where they were becalmed. Everything was quiet except for the lapping waters which swept against the sides of the junk. There was not a breath of wind to rustle the sails. The crew, under the circumstances, were lounging on the deck, some asleep, others lying quietly, half awake, in various parts of the craft, while the fishing junk drifted at the vagaries of the tide.

It was about four o'clock when a Hok-lo boat came alongside and one of the crew of six inquired whether there was any fish to sell. The reply was in the negative, and notwithstanding this, five of the men boarded the junk and, driving the crew aft, proceeded to loot the vessel. They removed a quantity of clothing and a sum of money, the total sum amounting to about $16. They then made their departure.

The fishing boat returned to Hongkong immediately and reported the matter to the Police, who are investigating the affair.

TWO JAPANESE STEAMERS WRECKED.

HUNDREDS OF LIVES LOST.

A Chefoo dispatch to the *Asahi* dated November 30th says:—"*The Nagata-maru No. 8*, of which nothing had been heard since her departure from Tairen, has been wrecked off Shukwanshu, about 20 miles east of Chefoo. The steamer was practically smashed to pieces by the force of the storm which was encountered. Only one Chinese out of all those on board is known to have survived, after a miraculous escape, he having been washed up on shore. The remainder of those on board appear to have been drowned; of the 70 passengers only three were Japanese.

According to the story told by this survivor, the vessel's engines were disabled during a heavy storm when approaching Chefoo at 4 o'clock on the morning of the 24th ult., and the steamer was carried on to the rocks, where she was wrecked. Neither the steamer nor the cargo was insured.

"The *Ginsei-maru*, which had left Antung, has also, it is ascertained, been wrecked off Wei-hai-wei, and all the passengers, 500 Chinese, as well as the crew, appear to have gone down with the steamer, since no tidings have been received of any survivors. This vessel was insured, but not the cargo. The *Nagata-maru* was a steamer of 360 tons and the *Ginsei-maru* 187 tons."

CLAIM AGAINST A FRENCHMAN.

CHINAMAN SUES FOR WAGES AND ALLOWANCES.

In the Supreme Court, this morning, Chak Koo, of No. 4, Bowrington Canal Road, brought an action against a Frenchman named P. Mardin, who resides at 6, Caroarvon Road, Kowloon. The claim was to recover $627.07, alleged to be wages due, allowances and money paid by the plaintiff on behalf of defendant.

It was stated in the plaintiff's cause that he was engaged by the defendant as an interpreter and broker. His wages were $33 a month, and he had not received payment for some time.

The defence was that plaintiff was engaged as a watchman at a salary of $15 a month, and that he had been paid in full.

The plaintiff appeared in person, while the defendant was represented by Mr. D. V. Stevenson, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon.

The case was adjourned.

Swatow Opium Restrictions.

REPORTED REMOVAL.

NO OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION ISSUED.

In reference to the enforcement of the monopolistic regulations, relating to opium, within Swatow and the outlying prefectures, with the resultant practical stoppage in the export of opium from Hongkong to the Coast ports, unimpeachable information reaches us at a late hour this afternoon, that the restrictive regulations are reported to have been removed. This desired result must be traced to the prompt representations by the British Consul-General at Canton on behalf of the opium merchants in Hongkong. We may take it that the removal of the restrictions is the first step towards the abrogation of the regulations, since no official proclamation of the cancelment of the vexatious regulations has yet been issued. Hongkong merchants are again to be congratulated on their initiative in securing adequate protection to British trade in the commodity with the Coast ports.

CANTON DAY BY DAY.

AUTHORITIES ON THE LOOK-OUT.

[*From Our Own Correspondent.*]

Canton, 11th December.

H.E. Viceroy Chang has received from the Ministry of Posts and Communications a telegram directing his attention to the Imperial Rescript issued on the 9th day of this moon to the following effect:—"It has been reported from various sources that the revolutionists and anti-monarchists who are now taking refuge abroad, availing themselves of the opportunity when the country is deep in sorrow on the death of the Emperor Kuang Hsu and the Empress Dowager, have been spreading insidious rumours with the malicious intention of inciting the public to create disturbances. These outlaws are said to have sent letters to several persons in the Capital, chiefly students, calling upon them to fall in line with them. The Ministry of Posts and Communications is now therefore instructed to at once wire to the various provinces throughout the whole Empire and direct all postal authorities to exercise the utmost vigilance in handling mail matters. In case of five or more letters reaching a post office at one time, all addressed in Chinese to one individual only, these letters should be caused to be opened. If the contents of such letters are found to be of a revolutionary and anti-monarchist nature, they should at once be destroyed. The Authorities of all provinces are at the same time warned to be as vigilant as possible in suppressing the malpractice of the bad characters in starting unnecessary alarms."

ATTEMPTED RISING.

The Hunan Governor has forwarded a despatch to the Canton Authorities giving the names of two revolutionists, one of whom is surnamed Lau and the other Cheung, who are accomplices of Dr. Sun Wen (otherwise Dr. Sun Yat-sen) and have been attempting to take part in a rising in Hunan province. The Canton Authorities have been requested to hunt down the lawless subjects should they make their appearance in this city.

PEOPLE STRIKE.

As the outcome of an advance in the price of salt at Shan Mee, a market-place, the people there went on strike last week. The Brigadier-General at Kit Shek Chun on learning of the occurrence hastened to the scene without loss of time and order was restored, after considerable difficulties.

A BARBER'S SORROW.

Since mourning was commenced by the general public here on account of the death of the late Emperor Kuang Hsu, the barbers in this city have suspended their business as ordered by the authorities. It is needless to say that this class of people has experienced a hard time to perforce pass fully one hundred days during which they are left without any engagement. Being eager to earn his daily bread yesterday, a barber in On Lan Street thought that there would be no harm to clip—not shave—hairs for the people and he therefore posted on his door a notice with Chinese characters equivalent to "Clip-Hair," for which he was made to pay a fine of $5 in the No. 6 Police Station.

DEFRAUDING THE STANDARD OIL CO.

Two men have been arrested and sent to the Namhoi Magistrate to be dealt with at the instance of the Standard Oil Company at Canton on a charge of wilfully selling kerosine oil of an outside brand in old tins of the Company's Comet Brand.

OFFICIALS' INCOMPETENCE.

It is reported that H.E. Viceroy Chang is dissatisfied with the Magistrates of Namhoi and Panyu, and that they will shortly be removed from their offices.

CHRISIMAS HOLIDAYS.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

Friday, the 25th December, and Saturday, the 26th December, 1908, and Friday, the 1st January, and Saturday, the 2nd January, 1909, will be kept as public holidays in the Colony.

The Police Magistrates' Department is excluded from the operation of the Public Holidays Ordinance, 1875 on Saturday, the 26th day of December, 1908, and Saturday, the 2nd day of January, 1909.

AT St Andrew's Church, Kowloon, to-morrow, (Third Sunday in Advent) the Holy Communion will be administered at 8 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon at 11 a.m.—attended (weather permitting) by the Church parade party of "H" Company, 2nd Batt. "The Buffs." Sunday School at 3 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon at 6 p.m. The Offertories will be in aid of the Church Maintenance Fund, which is still in the Treasurer's debt, and has to meet some heavy claims in the near future.

Christmas Bazaar.

CHARITY'S CALL TO THE CITY HALL ON MONDAY.

FRENCH CONVENT ANNUAL SALE.

No more deserving charity exists in Hongkong, or in the Far East for that matter, than the institution presided over by the French Sisters at Wanchai known far and wide as the Asile de la Sainte Enfance It is unnecessary at this time to dwell on the merits of the orphanage which is maintained for the benefit of those Chinese children whose advent has proved unwelcome or who have lost their nearest protectors in their infancy. The fact remains that the orphanage is self-supporting, but the numbers of those cared for at the Asile de la Sainte Enfance are taken into consideration make it a matter of continual worry for the Sisters to keep the establishment out of debt, and at the same time to bring up the children in a self-respecting manner. It is only by the exercise of the strictest economy and by careful management that the charity is enabled to continue its beneficent work. One of the forms in which the French Sisters endeavour to make both ends meet is by the sale of articles which have been fashioned by the deft fingers and trained taste of the orphans themselves, under the guidance of their teachers. During the greater part of the year the children give a portion of their time to the making of these fabrics which do the utmost credit to the institution and to those responsible for the designs. It is usual to hold a bazaar immediately before Christmas at which the varied examples of the skilful needlework of the orphans is displayed for sale, and following past precedents the Bazaar will take place this year, the opening ceremony at the City Hall taking place at 2 o'clock on Monday afternoon. His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard will take part in the formal proceedings and many well-known ladies in the Colony will take a part in assisting to ensure the success of the function. It need hardly be said that the display this year will be quite on a par with those seen in past years and the hearts of the Sisters should be gladdened when they come at the close to appreciate the generosity of the Hongkong public. Coming as it does on the eve of Christmas, the Bazaar should offer an outlet for those who desire to select suitable presents for their friends at the season of rejoicing, while at the same time they will have the satisfaction of knowing that they are contributing to the welfare of an exceedingly worthy institution. On the principle also that charity covers a multitude of sins, the purchasers of goods which attract their fancy may ease their consciences when they dig deep in the family treasury with the reflection that they are helping forward a good cause besides. If the Bazaar is not a complete success it will be through no fault of the Sisters.

ROBBERY AT CHUEN-WAN.

ARREST OF FOUR SUSPECTS.

Credit must be given to Detective-Sergeant Wilden, of the Water Police Station, who succeeded in arresting four men on suspicion of having taken part in an armed robbery at Chuen-wan at the beginning of this month.

Chuen-wan is a village on the mainland situate not faraway from Section and a few hours' steam from Hongkong. The reader will remember that on the evening of the first Sunday of this month a gang of about fourteen men forced an entry into a shop (No. 20) by pulling down the back door. Five of the men were armed, some carrying revolvers and some choppers, two held lighted torches, and the remainder were there to collect the booty while the others stood guard, and were empty-handed. The shop people numbered about four men in all, and they were driven into a corner and told to keep still, otherwise they would be all slaughtered. Of course the *fokis* obeyed, and while four men stood over them, swinging their weapons about threateningly, the others ransacked the premises collecting a large quantity of clothing, stores, and a sum of money, altogether totalling about $90 They then made away with the booty. Almost at the same time nine other hooligans, who no doubt belonged to the original gang, were playing havoc with another shop (No. 30) a little distance down the road. They were armed with similar weapons and carried out their nefarious work in precisely the same manner as above stated After terrorizing the shop men they made good their escape with clothing, jewellery and money to the value of $150.

As we have stated before, four suspects have been arrested, the Police believing that they were connected with the robbery. They were arraigned in the Police Court this morning and the case was remanded for a week.

THE JAPAN-INDIA STEAMSHIP SERVICE.

Japan papers state that the shipping combination that existed between the Japanese, British, American and Italian steamship companies on the Japan-India service came to a close on September 16 by the withdrawal of the Austrian and the Italian steamship companies. As a result of repeated conferences held in London between the delegates of the steamship companies concerned, says a vernacular paper, a new agreement was entered into, the N. Y. K. and the P. & O. Company having agreed to a certain concession as to the pool. The new agreement has a retrospective effect dating back to Sept. 16, when the old agreement terminated. According to the new arrangement the N. Y. K. and the P. & O. Company have to make thirty-six voyages instead of the forty-eight voyages prescribed under the old agreement, while the Austrian Lloyd and the Italian vessels continue to make seventeen voyages on the route.

To-day's Advertisements.

THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE, 1898.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF TRADE MARK.

NOTICE is hereby given that HUEN SHUN carrying on business at Pak Hok Chow, Canton, in the Empire of China and elsewhere as Tea Merchants, have, on the 11th day of September, 1908, applied for the Registration in Hongkong, in the Register of Trade Marks, of the following Trade Mark:—

The device of a diamond, inside of which are printed, stamped, painted, impressed, branded, stencilled written, drawn, cut or embossed the letters "H. S." Underneath the above appears the name "Huen Shun;"

in the name of HUEN SHUN, who claim to be the proprietors thereof.

The Trade Mark has been used by the Applicants since the year 1906 in respect of the following goods:—

TEA IN CLASS 42.

A facsimile of the Trade Mark can be seen at the office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong and also at the office of the undersigned.

Dated the 11th day of December, 1908.

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER,
Solicitors for the Applicants,
8, Des Vœux Road Central,
Hongkong.

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAIYANG,"

Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the above Ports, on TUESDAY, the 15th inst., at 12 o'clock Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1908. [1071

UNITED STATES AND CHINA-JAPAN STEAMSHIP LINE.

FOR NEW YORK AND BOSTON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

With liberty to call at Malabar Coast.

THE Steamship

"INDRAWADI,"

Captain Williams, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, 5th January.

For Freight, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.,
Agents (Indra Line, Ltd.),

Hongkong, 12th December, 1908 [1072

UNEMPLOYMENT IN JAPAN.

PITIFUL PLIGHT OF OPERATIVES.

Referring to the factory operatives thrown out of employment in consequence of the prevailing trade depression, the *Osaka Asahi* points out that cotton-spinning companies in this country, numbering 39 in all, with a capital aggregating ¥86,500,000 and having 1,600,000 spindles among them, are reduced to a very trying position on account of the depression of trade with China and at home The total number of operatives employed at spinning mills in January last was 16,671 males and 68,592 females. At the end of June the number had been reduced by about 14,900. The number was further reduced by the end of October last, when male operatives numbered 14,825 and female operatives 54,893. The rate of wages, however, remained almost unchanged, the males being paid between 40 and 50 sen each per day and the females between 24 and 30 sen on an average, a little higher than last spring. Meanwhile thousands of discharged operatives seeking employment do not know where to turn for a living. The pruning-knife of dismissal has not only been applied to spinning operatives, but also to those engaged in shipbuilding, who have suffered severely. A similar fate has also overtaken those employed in the manufacture of matches and knitted goods, in dyeing, weaving, making hemp-rope, and other manufacturing industries. It is very hard for so large a number of poor operatives to be thrown out of employment now that the winter is coming on. Fortunately, society is not so cruel as might be supposed. Trained operatives and even unskilled labourers are finding employment in various directions. Government works are attracting the unemployed to a large extent, and employment is being found at the Military and Naval Arsenals, the Printing Bureau, the Imperial Mint, and the tobacco factories. While many Government works have been postponed, certain parts must be carried out at once. For instance, large tobacco factories are being built in Tokyo and Osaka, and the construction of these is providing employment. Moreover, the latter prefer Government works to private factories, as they feel more secure at the former. The extension of the northern factory of the Osaka Tobacco Works has been completed, and the announcement calling for over 300 workers was quickly responded to by operatives recently thrown out of employment. The wages paid at the tobacco factory are nearly the same as at cotton-spinning mills, but when two months have elapsed during which the workers will learn the business payment is to be made by piece instead of by time.—*Japan Chronicle.*

A SUGGESTION has been made and has met with unanimous accord by the princes, nobles and metropolitan and provincial authorities and people throughout the Empire to appoint a Committee which shall be charged with the duty of compiling a full account of the acts of their late Imperial Majesties the Emperor and Empress Grand Dowager, during their life time, as a testimony of the gratitude of the country for their beneficent and progressive rule, during the past half a century. It will be remembered that the late Empress Grand Dowager was also Regent during the minority of the late Emperor Tung Chih, her son (1861-1873).

To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,

FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,

on

MONDAY,

the 14th December, 1908, at 11 A.M., at their Sales Rooms No. 8, Des Vœux Road, corner of Ice House Street,

A QUANTITY OF

ELECTRO AND GLASS WARE.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1908. [1069

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,

on

MONDAY,

the 14th December, 1908, commencing at 2.30 P.M., and on

TUESDAY,

the 15th December, 1908, commencing at 11 A.M., at No. 78, Queen's Road Central,

A SELECTION OF

JAPANESE CURIOS,

Comprising:—

FINE IVORY CARVINGS, FIGURES, GROUPS, INROS, SHRINES, SWORDS, OLD SATSUMA, MAKUDZO, IMARI, BRASS and BRONZE and CLOISONNE WARE, &c., &c.;

AND

A QUANTITY OF

SILK EMBROIDERIES,

Comprising:—

WALL HANGINGS, TABLE COVERS, BEDSPREADS, PURSES.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

On View from Monday, the 14th December, 1908.

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Hongkong, 12th December, 1908. [1070

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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TUESDAY,

the 15th December, 1908, at 11 A.M., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vœux Road, corner of Ice House Street,

A LARGE QUANTITY OF

GOLD AND SILVER JEWELRY,

(Past Bankrupt Stock of a London Jeweller),

Comprising:—

DIAMOND RING, GOLD WATCHES, BRACELETS, SCARF PINS, LONG CHAINS, LOCKETS,

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A quantity of LOOSE DIAMONDS, SILVER and ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, &c., &c., &c.

(Suitable for X'mas Presents).

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Hongkong, 12th December, 1908. [1068

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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THE Company's Steamship

"KUTSANG,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

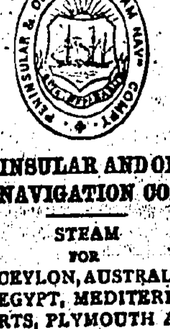
Cargo, impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M. the 14th inst., will be landed at Consignee's risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1908. [10



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THE Steamship

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For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT,
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Hongkong, 12th December, 1908.

Auctions.

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on

MONDAY,

the 14th December, 1908, at 11 A.M., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vœux Road, corner of Ice House Street,

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5 Bales GREY SHIRTINGS,

AND

1 Case OATMEAL.

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Hongkong, 11th December, 1908. [1064

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
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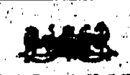
Hongkong, 7th December, 1908. [1056



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OLD and SURPLUS VICTUALLING STORES:—Provisions, Seamen's Clothing, Blankets, Officer's Mess Traps, (A quantity of Electro-plated Articles), Implements, Seamen's Mess Utensils, Oak Staves, &c.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE:—As Customary.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Government Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1908 [1036

Intimations.

BAZAAR

IN AID OF THE

POOR CHINESE ORPHANS

OF THE

ASILE DE LA SAINTE ENFANCE.

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The French Sisters have the honour to announce that their ANNUAL BAZAAR will be held at the City Hall, on MONDAY, the 14th inst., at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

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ASILE DE LA SAINTE ENFANCE.

Hongkong, 2nd December, 1908. [1038

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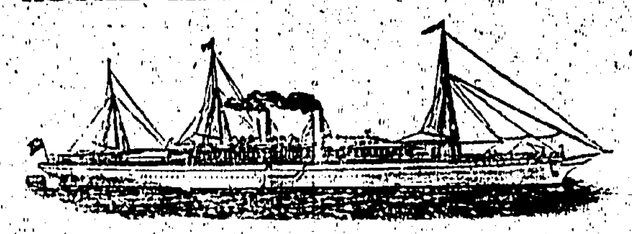

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"EMPRESS OF CHINA"	6,000	SATURDAY, Feb. 13th	March 5th
"MONTEAGLE"	6,163	TUESDAY, Mar. 2nd	Mar. 26th
"EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000	SATURDAY, Mar. 13th	April 2nd
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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LD.

(PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION)

For	Steamship	On
SHANGHAI *via* SWATOW	*KWONGSANG*	MONDAY, 14th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	*TINGSANG*	TUESDAY, 15th Dec., Noon.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	*KUTSANG*†	WED'DAY, 16th Dec., Noon.
SHANGHAI	*CHOYSANG**	THURSDAY, 17th Dec., Noon.
MANILA	*LOONGSANG**	FRIDAY, 18th Dec., 4 P.M.
S'GAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	*NAMSANG**	MONDAY, 21st Dec., Noon.
MANILA	*YUENSANG**	FRIDAY, 25th Dec., 4 P.M

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Telephone No. 61.
Hongkong, 12th December, 1908. [10

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

For	Steamers.	To Sail.		
SWATOW, AMOY & SHANGHAI	"HANGCHOW"	13th	Dec.,	Daylight.
HOIHOW & HAIPHONG	"CHIHLI"	14th	"	10 A.M.
SHANGHAI	"NINGPO"	14th	"	4 P.M.
MANILA	"TSAN"	15th	"	3 P.M.
NINGPO & SHANGHAI	"YOCHOW"	15th	"	4 P.M.
SAMARANG & SOURABAYA	"KUEICHOW"	17th	"	"
CEBU & ILOILO	"KAIFONG"	18th	"	"
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA and USUAL AUSTRALIAN PORTS	"TAIYUAN"	21st	"	"
MANILA	"TAMING"	22nd	"	3 P.M.

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Beef sirloin & prime cut—Mei Lung Pa lb	18
" Corned—Ham Ngau Yuk "	18
" Roast—Shiu " " "	18
" Breast—Ngau Lam "	13
" Soup, Tong Yuk "	15
" Steak—Ngau Yuk Pa "	18
" " Sirloin—Ngau Lau "	28
" Sausages,—Ngau Yuk Chaung "	26
Bullock's Brains— " Know..... per set	10
" Tongue fresh—Ngau Li..... each	50
" " corned—Ham Ngau Li "	58
" Head—Ngau Tau "	80
" Heart—Ngau Sum .....per lb	12
" Hump, Salt—Ngau Kin "	18
" Feet—Ngau Keok .....each	7
" Kidneys—Ngau Yiu..... "	10
Tail—Ngau Mei "	17
" Liver—Ngau Con .....lb	12
" Tripe (undressed)—Ngau To..... "	7
Calves' Head and Feet—Ngau-chai-tau-keok.....set	$1.00
Mutton Chop—Yeung Pai Kwat .....lb	22
" Leg—Yeung Pei "	22
" Shoulder—Yeung Shau "	20
Pigs' Chitlings—Chi cheong "	12
" Brains—Chi Know.....per set	2
" Feet—Chi Keok..... "	11
" Fry—Chi Chak "	25
" Head—Chi Tau "	15
" Heart—Chi Sum.....each	8
" Kidneys—Chi Yiu .....pair	7
" Liver—Chi Kon .....lb	24
Pork, Chop—Chi Pai Kwat "	18
" Corned—Ham Chu Yuk "	—
" Leg—Chu Pei "	23
" Fat or Lard—Chu Yau "	17
Sheep's Head and Feet—Yeung Tau Keok .....set	50
" Heart—Yeung Sum.....each	6
" Kidneys—Yeung Yiu "	10
" Liver—Yeung Con.....lb	22
Sucking Pigs, To Order—Chu Chai "	22
Suet Beef—Sang Ngau Yau "	20
" Mutton—Sang Yeung Yau "	24
Veal—Ngau Chai Yuk..... "	20
" Sausages—Ngau Chai Yuk Tong. "	20

POULTRY.	
Chicken—Kai Chai .....lb	28
Capons, Large, Small—Sin Kai..... "	28
Ducks—Ap..... "	20
Doves—Pan Kau .....each	18
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan.....per doz.	22
Fowls, Canton—Kai .....lb	30
" Hainan—Hoi Nam Kai ..... "	26
Geese—Ngo "	19
Geese, Wild Shanghai—Sheung Hoi Ye Ngo .....pair	$1.80
Musk Deer—Wong Keng.....each	$4.00
Hare—Tu Chai..... "	65
Partridge—Cha Khoo "	60
Pheasant—Shan Kai.....pair	$1.60
Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kup.....each	25
" Hoihow—Hoihow Pak Kup "	23
Quail—Um-Chun "	23
Rice Birds—Wo Fa Cheuk.....dozen	75
Snipe—Sa Chui .....each	25
Turkeys, Cock—Fo Kai Kung ... per lb	60
" Hen— " " Na ... "	45
Wild Ducks, Shanghai, Sui-ap .....pair	$1.20
Teal, Shanghai, Sui Ap Chai..... "	55
Wild Ducks Canton—Sang Shing Sui Ap .....per pair	90

FISH.	
Barbel—Ka Yu .....lb	8
Bream—Bin Yu..... "	15
Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hoi Sin Yu "	14
Carp—Li Yu..... "	16
Catfish—Chik Yu "	11
Codfish—Mun Yu..... "	14
Crabs—Hai "	18
Cuttle Fish—Muk Yu "	15
Dab—Sa Mang Yu "	13
Dace—Wong Mei Lun "	12
Dog Fish—Tit Tu Sa "	9
Eels, Conger—Hai Man Yu "	14
" Fresh water—Tam Sui Yu "	14
" Yellow—Wong Sin..... "	24
Frogs—Tien Kai "	28
Garoupe—Sak Pan "	48
Gudgeon—Pak Kap Yu "	12
Herrings—Tso Pak "	18
Halibut—Cheung Kwan Yu "	24
Labrus—Wong Fa Yu..... "	14
Loach—Wu Yu..... "	25
Lobsters—Lung Ha "	32
Mackerel—Chi Yu "	16
Monk Fish—Mon Yu "	26
Mullet—Chai Yu "	24
Oysters—Sang Hoo "	20
Parrotfish—Kai Kung Yu "	15
Perch—Tau Loo "	14
Pike—Fa Paw Poong "	8
Plaice—Pan Yu..... "	18
Pomfret, Black—Hak Chong..... "	24
Pomfret, White—Pak Chong "	28
Prawns—Ming Ha..... "	40
Ray—Pai Pa Sa "	9
Rock Fish—Sek Kai Kung..... "	15
Roach—Chau Yu "	28
Salmon, (Chinese fresh water—Ma Tau Yu "	48

	Cents.
Shark—Sa Yu .....lb	8
Skate—Po Yu..... "	10
Shrimps—Ha "	24
Snapper—Lap Yu..... "	20
Soles—Tat Sa Yu..... "	24
Teach—Wan Yu "	18
Turbot—Cho How Yu "	24
Turtles, small, fresh water—Kook Yu... "	60
White Bait—Ngau Yu Chai "	—

FRUITS.	
Almond—Hung Yan.....lb	28
Apples, (California)—Kam San Ping Ko..... "	23
" (Chefoo)—Tin Chun Ping Ko..... "	15
" Small—Hoi Tong..... "	—
" Custard—Fan Lai Chi.....each	—
Bananas, fragrant, Canton—Sang Sheng Heung Chiu .....lb	5
" (brides), Macao—San Heung Chiu "	6
Chestnuts, Chinese—Foong Lut..... "	10
Carambola—Yeung Tou "	7
Cocoanuts—Yeh Tse .....each	10
Grapes—Sin Tai Tss.....lb	24
Lemons, Chin—Ning Moong..... "	6
" Amer.—Kum San Ning Moong "	7
Lichees, Small Stone—Lai Chi Con.....	24
" Fresh, Lai Chi "	—
Limes, (Saigon)—Sai Kung Ning Moong.....each	6
Mango, Manila—Lui Sung Mong.....	—
Mango, Saigon—Sai Kung Moong	—
Mangosteens, San Chuk Tss per 100.....	—
Oranges, Tim Chang .....lb	10
" Small—Tai Kut .....catty	—
" Mandarin—Tim Kut	—
Olives—Pak Lam .....lb	8
Passion Fruit .....each	—
Pears, (American)—Kam San Shut Li lb	12
" (Canton), Cooking—Sa Li ..... "	14
" (Shanghai)—Sheung Hoi Li ... "	18
Peanuts,—Fa Sang "	10
Persimmons, Large,—Hung Chie.....	—
Pine-apples, 1st quality—Sheung Poon Ti Paw-law .....each	6
" 2nd cooking—Chung-tang Paw-law "	6
Plantains—Tai Chiu .....lb	3
Plums, Swatow—Hung Lai "	—
Pumelo, Siam—Chim Lo Yau .....each	10
Walnuts, Hop Tou "	12
" Green—Sang Hop Tou	—
Shanghai Lo Kwat .....lb	10

VEGETABLES, &c.	
Artichokes, Shanghai,—Sheung Hoi Ah Chi Chauk .....lb	7
Beans, (French) Macao—Oh Moon Pin Tau "	10
Beans, (French), Shanghai—Sheung Hoi Pin Tau "	8
Beans, Sprout—Ah Choi.....	4
Beans, Long—Tau Kok "	—
Beet Root—Hung Choi Tau..... each	3
Brinjals, Green—Cheng Yuen Ker	4
Brinjals, Red—Hung Ker "	4
Brassica—Pak Choi.....	4
Bamboo Shoots—Chook Shun "	3
Cabbage, Chinese, com.—Kai Choy.....	4
Cabbage, Red—Kai Lan Tau .....each	—
Cabbage, (Shanghai)—Yeh Choi ..... "	8
Cane Shoots, bunch—Kan Shun ..... "	3
Cauliflower, Large size—Tai Yeh Choi Fa .....each	28
Cauliflower, Medium size—Cheung Yeh Choi-fa .....each	20
Cauliflower, Small size—Sai Yeh Choi-fa	15
Carrots—Kam Shun "	7
Celery, Chinese—Tong Kan Choy	5
Celery, English—Yeung Kan Choi	5
Celery, White—Pak Yeung Kan Choi...	—
Chillies, Dried—Con Lat Chiu	12
" Red—Hung Fa "	12
" Green—Cheng Lat Chiu ..... "	12
Curry Stuff, English—Ka Lee Choi Liu	8
Cucumbers—Cheng Kwa	3
Bitter Squash—Fu Kwa	10
Garlic—Suen Tau.....	8
Ginger, young—Sun Tau Keung	8
" old—Lo Keung	6
Horse Radish, Shanghai—Lik Kan ... lb	20
Indian Corn—Suk Mai .....piece	—
Lettuce—Yeung Sang Choi .....each	1
Water Chesnuts—Ma Tai ..... "	6
" Mandarin—Kwai Lum Ma Tai "	6
Musk Melon	—
Mushrooms, Fresh—Sang Cho Kho.....	—
Onions, Bombay—Yeung Chung Tau ...	8
" Green—Sang Chung.....	3
" Shai—Sheung Hoi Chung Tau	8
" Japan—Yat Poon " "	—
Okroes—Mo Ker	8
Parsley, English—Yeung Un Sai .....lb	80
Cradus Pea	25
Green Peas—Cheng Tau.....	—
Potatoes, Sweet—Fan Shu	3
" Shanghai—Sheung Hoi Shu Tsai	4
" Japan—Yat Poon Shu Tsai ...	—
" American—Fa Ki " " ...	8
" Foochow—Fuk Chau Shu Tsai	3
" Macao—Oh Moon " " ...	—
Pumpkin—Toong Kwa	3
Radish—Hung Lo Pak Tsai .....lb	4
Rhubarb	—
Shalots—Con Chung Tau	8
Spinage (Chinese)—Paw Choi	4
Spinach—Yin Choi	4
Tomatoes—Fan Ker.....	6
Taros—Wu Tau	4
Turnips, Pus-ti (Long)—Low Pak	3
" English—Yeung Low Pak..piece	—
Vegetable Marrow—Chit Kwa	5
Water Cresses—Sai Yeung Choi	8
" Caltrops—Lau Kok..... lb	—
" Lily Roots—Lin Ngau	1
Yams—Tai Shu.....	3
Sago.....per bundle	—

The prices necessarily vary from day to day, and the Sanitary Board has no power to compel stallholders to sell at the prices quoted.

A. GIBSON,
Secretary, Sanitary Board.

FIGHT WITH AN EAGLE.

STRANGE STORY FROM THE HOKKAIDO.

An extraordinary occurrence is reported from the Hokkaido by a vernacular paper. On the 19th ultimo, says the report, a youth named Matsuura Tokujiro, aged 19, employed by a merchant in Tokachi province, in the Hokkaido, went into the wood on the instruction of his master to cut timber. According to custom in a district beset by wild animals in the shape of bears and eagles, the youth carried a gun for self-protection. He had just entered the wood when a shadow suddenly appeared above his head, and on glancing up he saw an eagle which was apparently about to attack him. Without hesitation he raised his gun and fired, hitting the bird, which fell heavily to the ground. Under the impression that the eagle was dead the youth ran up to secure it, when suddenly the gigantic bird rose up and made a dash for the youth. Unable to evade the attack and having no time to aim, he used the butt end of his rifle in protecting himself. While doing so the trigger caught in his clothes and the weapon went off, the charge entering the abdomen, and he fell mortally wounded. The report of the gun attracted the attention of the lad's master, who lost no time in proceeding to the spot. The youth was carried home, but succumbed shortly after. What became of the eagle is not mentioned in the report.

COMMERCIAL.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

	Selling.
London—Bank T.T	1/8½
Do. demand	1/8 3/16
Do. 4 months' sight	1/8½
France—Bank T.T.	3.10½
America—Bank T.T.	40½
Germany—Bank T.T.	1.71½
India T.T.	126½
Do. demand	126½
Shanghai—Bank T.T.	75½
Singapore—Bank T.T. per H.K. $100	72½
Japan—Bank T.T.	82½
Java—Bank T.T.	103½
Buying	
4 months' sight L/C	1/8½
6 months' sight L/C	1/8½
3 days' sight San Francisco & New York	41½
4 months' sight do.	42½
30 days' sight Sydney & Melbourne	1.8½
4 months' sight France	2.16
6 months' sight ,,	2.18
4 months' sight Germany	1.76½
Bar Silver	22 7/16
Bank of England rate	2½ %
Sovereign	11.80

SHIPPING AND MAILS

MAILS DUE.

German (*Dorffinger*) 17th inst.
American (*Hongkong Maru*) 18th inst.

THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg, Director of the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 12th at 11.55 a.—The barometer is rising over China and falling over S. Japan.

A depression, which has developed over the Eastern Sea, is now lying to the S.W. of Japan. It appears to be moving towards the N.E.

The depression, lying over the N.E. part of the Sea of Japan yesterday, has moved into the Pacific and pressure has increased over Hokkaido.

Areas of high pressure exist over the Pacific to the E. of the Bonins, and over the continent to the North of the Upper Yangtze.

The monsoon is expected to freshen again in the Formosa Channel and the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

FORECAST.

1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood, N. winds, moderate to fresh; fair.

2.—Formosa Channel, N.E winds, freshening.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks, same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan, same as No. 1.

Shipping.

Arrivals.

Kawachi Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,782, H. Petersen, 11th Dec., Singapore 4th Dec., Gen.—N. Y. K.

Nicomedia, Ger. s.s., 4,363, P. Wagemann, 11th Dec., Portland, Or. 6th Nov., Gen.—P. & A. S. S. Co.

Telemachus, Br. s.s., 1,340, J. Williamson, 11th Dec., Saigon 4th Dec., Gen.—Wo Fat Sing.

Hailan, Fr. s.s., 377, O. A. Höeg, 11th Dec., Hoihow 10th Dec., Pigs and Gen.—A. R. M.

Kweilin, Br. s.s., 1,200, Brown, 11th Dec., Chinkiang 5th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Theseus, Br. s.s., 2,496, J. Barwise, 11th Dec., —Birkenhead via Singapore 6th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Haimun, Br. s.s., 636, J. W. Evans, 12th Dec., —Swatow 11th Dec., Gen.—D., L. & Co.

Kutsang, Br. s.s., 4,800, R. C. D. Bradley, 12th Dec.,—Calcutta 25th Nov., via Penang and Singapore 4th Dec., Gen.—J., M. & Co.

Hangchow, Br. s.s., 999, Mawley, 12th Dec., Canton 11th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Kwongsang, Br. s.s., 1,428, P. Baker, 12th Dec.,—Canton 11th Dec., Gen.—J., M. & Co.

Amigo, Ger. s.s., 822, H. Frandsen, 12th Dec., —Haiphong 8th Dec., and Hoihow 10th, Gen.—J. & Co.

Siam, Br. s.s., 993, R. A. Binns, 12th Dec.,—from Singapore, Kerosine-Oil.—Mr. Geo. McBain.

Loosok, Ger. s.s., 1,020, G. Schultzen, 12th Dec.,—Bangkok and Aughin and Dec., Rice and Wood.—B. & S.

Daijin Maru, Jap. s.s., 900, I. Sakurai, 12th Dec.,—Swatow 11th Dec., Gen.—O. S. K.

King Sing, Br. s.s., 1,223, J. Wright, 12th Dec., —Shanghai via Foochow 8th Dec., Gen.—J., M. & Co.

Empire, Br. s.s., 2,845, P. T. Helms, 12th Dec., —Melbourne 4th Nov., Sydney 21st, Brisbane 23rd, Townsville and Cairns 26th, Thursday Island 30th, Port Darwin 3rd Dec., and Manila 10th Dec., Gen.—G., L. & Co.

Prinz Waldemar, Ger. s.s., 1,737, W. von Senden, 11th Dec.,—Sydney 17th Nov., Gen.—M. & Co.

Clearances at the Harbour Office.

Lighining, for Singapore.
Pitsanulok, for Swatow.
Aragonia, for Amoy.
Kawachi Maru, for Kobe.
Tonawanda, for Moji.
Kwangtes, for Canton.
Haimun, for Swatow.
Hangchow, for Swatow.
Laertes, for Saigon.
China, for Shanghai.
Kingsing, for Canton.
Kiangching, for Canton
Butuan, for Kwong-chow-wan.
Johanne, for Swatow.
Siam, for Shanghai.
Chihli, for Hoihow.
Szechuen, for Shanghai.
Prometheus, for Haiphong.
Kwo-lin, for Canton.
Kilburn, for Wakamatsu.
Hatching, for Amoy.
Empire, for Shanghai.

Departures
Dec. 11.

Pevanh :, for Europe.
Delta, for Shanghai.
China, for San Francisco.
Watching, for Shanghai.
Rubi, for Manila.
Asiyanx, for Nagasaki.
Laertes, for Saigon.
Yochow, for Canton.
Feiching, for Canton.
Kiangching, for Canton.
Lightning, for Calcutta.
Tjibodas, for Saigon.
Menelaus, for Keelung.
Aragonia, for Portland, Or.
Kwangtes, for Shanghai.
Szechuen, for Shanghai.
Pitsanulok, for Bangkok.
Fantang, for Canton.

Passengers arrived.

Per *Telemachus*, from Saigon—283 Chinese.

Per *Haimun*, from Swatow—Messrs. Baring, V. D. Runsbeck, and 102 Chinese.

Per *Kutsang*, from Calcutta, &c.—Rev. W. E. and Mrs. Nicoll and 2 children, Miss A. E. Saxe, Mrs. A. J. Carwithen, Miss E. W. Sister, Major R. Ford, D.S.O., A.S.C., Mr. H. L. Crossman, Lieut. C. J. Wyatt, R.A.M.C., Mr. Polglase, and 1,062 Chinese.

Per *Kawachi Maru*, from London, &c. for Hongkong—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Muller, Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. M. Cormack and child, Misses W. and B. Wilkinson, William, I. Howard, Masters D. and B. Wilkinson, Messrs. B. A. Combes and A. Annett. For Kobe—Mrs. Fukuda and child, Miss K. Dunkley, Messrs. J. Tsutsuki and Y. Shimano. For Yokohama—Mr. and Mrs. E. Gilbert and child, Messrs. S. Miyamoto, T. Shibayama, K. Takedo, J. Batchelon, K. Suda, T. Stewart and S. McGill.

Per *Theseus*, from Singapore—324 Chinese.

Per *Kingsing*, from Shanghai, &c.—Mrs. Pereira, Mrs. and Miss Cormer and children.

Per *Empire*, from Australian Ports for Hongkong—Mr. and Mrs. Kerr, Messrs. A. B. Murphine, R. W. Marshall, C. Higginbotham, Mr. and Mrs. Hartranft, and Mr. Fogelgren. For Shanghai—Mr. J. B. Berelsen, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, and Miss Sands. For Japan—Messrs. J. Grainger and Finnik.

Passengers departed.

Per *China*, for Shanghai, &c.—Messrs. G. L. Judson, T. T. Temple, L. Lehlbach, J. W. L. Jones, S. Wolff, E. H. Kroes, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Elliott and son, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Harrington, Miss Irene Wilcox, Messrs. Wing, L. W. Kein, Mrs. Shee, Mr. and Mrs. Jaugyet, Messrs. L. Kam, L. Baw, H. M. Brinjee, Dr. Wm. R. Lamb, Mrs. J. Gillis, Messrs. T. D. McKay, K. Peterson, F. J. Berry, Miss A. Saxe, Mr. L. Jutt, Mrs. G. C. Uie, and Mrs. Cormuck and child

Shipping Reports.

Str. *Hailan*, from Hoihow:—Moderate breeze and sea.

Str. *Kweilin*, from Chinkiang:—Strong N.E. gale very high sea.

Str. *Theseus*, from Singapore:—Fresh monsoon and head sea.

Str. *Haimun*, from Swatow:—Fresh N.W. breeze and slight swell clear.

Str. *Nicomedia*, from Portland, Or.:—Fair weather across the Pacific lying to several times on account of bad sea.

Str. *Telemachus*, from Saigon:—Passage 7 days 4½ hours, strong N. to N.N.E. monsoon with high sea shipping heavy water fore and aft all through passage, heavy passing squalls throughout.

Str. *Kutsang*, from Calcutta, &c.:—Carried moderate N.N.W. wind and sea as far as the 8th parallel, between which and the 15th carried a whole gale N.N.W. with high sea and frequent violent squalls, moderating at 8 a.m. on the 11th till arrival Dec. 5th. Passed the American fleet consisting of sixteen battleships.

Str. *Empire*, from Melbourne 11th Nov., Sydney 21st, Brisbane 23rd, Townsville and Cairns 26th, Thursday Id. 31st, Darwin 3rd Dec., Manila 10th, arrived Hongkong 12th, from Melbourne to Point Darwin experienced light to moderate winds smooth sea and fine clear weather, from Darwin to Damma Id. fresh N.W. winds and heavy rain squall thence to arrival Manila, light winds and smooth sea from Manila to Hongkong, moderate head winds and head swell with clear cloudy weather.

VESSELS IN PORT.

STEAMERS.

Binh-Thuan, Fr. s.s., 984, Ribault, 5th Dec.,—Manila 29th Nov., Ballast.—Basa & Co.

Carl Diederichsen, Ger. s.s., 774, J. Kaysen, 9th Dec.,—Haiphong 6th Dec., Pigs and Gen.—J. & Co.

Chihli, Br. s.s., 1,142, J. Warrack, 10th Dec.,—Haiphong 5th Nov., and Hoihow 8th, Rice and Gen.—B. & S.

Clara Jebsen, Ger. s.s., 1,103, J. Bendixen, 10th Dec.,—Haiphong 7th Dec., Coal.—J. & Co.

Claverdon, Br. s.s., 2,685 Patt, 10th Dec.,—Cardiff 14th Oct., Coal and Patent Fuel.—D. & Co., Ld.

Empress of India, Br. s.s., 3,032, E. Beetham, R.N.R., 10th Dec.,—Vancouver 19th Nov., and Shanghai 8th Dec., Mails and Gen.—C. P. R. Co.

Fri, Nor. s.s., 860, C. Wagle, 17th Nov.,—Manila 13th Nov., Ballast.—Aagaard, Thoresen & Co.

Haichlong, Br. s.s., 1,120, W. C. Passmore, 9th Dec.,—Foochow and Amoy 7th Dec., Gen.—D., L. & Co.

Hilary, Ger. s.s., 1,276, Haje, 4th Dec.,—Pulo Laut 22nd Nov., Coal.—S., W. & Co.

Hinsang, Br. s.s., 1,536, A. Smith, 28th Nov.,—Samarang 16th Nov., Sugar.—J., M. & Co.

Ischia, Ital. s.s., 2,481, B. Guiseppe, 10th Dec.,—Bombay 17th Nov., Colombo 2 st, Penang 27th, and Singapore 30th, Gen.—C. & Co.

Johanne, Ger. s.s., 987, J. Iwersen, 11th Dec., —Haiphong and Hoihow 9th Dec., Gen.—J. & Co.

Kilburn, Br. s.s., 2,111, Adam, 5th Dec.,—Hongay 1st Dec., Coal.—D. & Co., Ld.

Kohsichang, Ger. s.s., 1,292, C. Rosiefsky, 5th Dec.,—Bangkok 19th Nov., Rice and Timber.—B. & S.

Lennox, Br. s.s., 2,361, F. McNair, 16th Nov., —Shanghai 13th Nov., Gen.—C. P. R. Co.

Manchuria, Am. s.s., 8,750, J. W. Saunders, 7th Dec.,—San Francisco 10th Nov., and Manila 4th Dec., Mails and Gen.—P. M. S. S. Co.

Mathilde, Ger. s.s., 831, A. P. Ulderup, 10th Dec.,—Haiphong and Hoihow 8th Dec., Rice and Gen.—J. & Co.

Merapi, Dut. s.s., 1,598, E. Ulfall, 5th Dec.,—Samarang via Pulo Laut 16th Nov., Sugar. —Kian Gwan.

Ningpo, Br. s.s., 1,228, Richards, 9th Dec.,—Swatow 8th Dec., Ballast.—B. & S.

Prometheus, Nor. s.s., 1,024, O. Kornelinsen, 6th Dec.,—Wuhu 27th Nov., and watow 5th 5th, Ballast.—H. A. L.

Swanley, Br. s.s., 2,988, W. E. Steele, 15th Nov.,—Ching-wan-tao 9th Nov., Coal.—S., T. & Co.

Takasaki Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,000, A. Mocker, 28th Nov.,—from Bombay and Singapore, Gen.—N. Y. K.

Tean, Br. s.s., 1,346, Outerbridge, 11th Dec.,—Manila 8th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Tonawanda, Br. s.s., 2,481, Trigg, 9th Dec.,—Haiphong 4th Dec., Ballast.—S. O. Co.

Usher, Br. s.s., 2,350, Perry, 27th Oct.,—Manila 23rd Oct., Ballast.—Master.

Zweena, Br. s.s., 941, A. Ramsay, 10th Dec.,—Samarang 29th Nov., Gen. and Sugar.—Yuen Fat Hong.

SAILING VESSELS.

Daylight, Br. ship, 3,060, McBryde, 9th Oct.,—Yokohama 19th Sept., Ballast.—S. O. Co.

Lyndhurst, Br. bark, Parnell, 14th Sept.,—Bangkok 25th Aug., Case Oil.—S. O. Co.

Tarang, Br. schooner, 87, Oliver, 7th Dec.,—Palau Island 13th Nov., Iron.—Mr. G. P. Lammert.

Steamers Expected.

Vessels	*From*	*Agents*	*Due*
Tosa Maru	Shanghai	N. Y. K.	Dec. 13
Ikisang	Singapore	J., M. & Co.	Dec. 14
Barcelona	Singapore	M. A. L.	Dec. 14
Yeboshi Maru	Moji	N. Y. K.	Dec. 15
Glenavon	Singapore	McG. & G.	Dec. 16
Dorfflinger	Colombo	M. & Co.	Dec. 17
H'kong Maru	Japan	T. K. K.	Dec. 18
Yetorofu Maru	Bombay	N. Y. K.	Dec. 21
Minnesota	Japan	N. Y. K.	Dec. 25

DOCK PETITES.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCKS.

Usher	at	Kowloon Dock
Hilary	,,	,,
H.M.S. Virago	,,	,,
Hinsang	,,	,,
Swanley	,,	,,
Tsingtau	,,	,,
Kohsichang	,,	,,
C. Diederichsen	,,	,,
Daijin Maru	,,	Cosmopolitan

Ships Passed The Canal.

14th November—*Benledi*, *Bulow*, *Glenavon*, *Soyo Maru*. 13th November—*Ernest Simons*, *Menelaus*, *Talamachus*, *Inaba Maru*, *Kawachi Maru*, *Lilumata*. 17th November—*Brastilia*, *Omfa*, *Zieten*, *Theseus*. 20th November—*Achilles*, *Caledonian*, *Carnarvonshire*. 24th November—*Dorffinger*, *Benvorlich*, *Sumatra*, *Sunda*, *Shinonoe*. 27th November—*Surupa*, *Hitachi Maru*, *Alcinous*, *Pelens*, *Ping Suey*, *Simuki Maru*, *Silesia*, (Ger.) *Yunnan*, *Bovinic*, *Scandia*, *Jumna*. 1st December—*Tranquebar*, *Soudan*, *Sumatra*, *Tonkin*. 4th December—*Bellerophon*, *Monmouthshire*, *Polynesian*, *Ellen Richmers*, *Hyton*, *Nyanza*, *Silesia*, (Aus.) 8th December—*Benlarig*, *Glenlichy*, *Indrani*, *Prinz Eitel Friedrich*. 11th December—*Suevic*, *Kleist*, *Deucalion*. *Sydney*, *Kamakura Maru*, *Liberia*.

Arrivals at Home—10th November—*Flintshire*, *Cathay*. 13th November—*Colombo Maru*. 16th November—*Banca*. 17th November—*Mathona*, *Prometheus*. 19th November—*Nore*. 20th November—*Ambria*, *Inaba Maru*. 27th November—*Caledonian*, *Indramayo*, *Vandalia*. 1st December—*Vorwaerts*, *Zieten*. 4th December—*Achilles*, *Alcinous*, *Omfa*. 8th December—*Brastilia*, *Ping Suey*, *Hitachi Maru*. 13th December—*Tranquebar*, *Bellerophon*, *Polynesian*, *Princess Alice*, *Yunnan*.

Post Office.

☞ In accordance with an instruction received from the American Postal Authorities or the present the weight limit on parcels to America by the direct route has been altered from 11 lbs. to its old limit 4 lbs. 6 ozs.

☞ Approximate times of closing mails at Shanghai via Dalny and Siberia:—

17th December, at 8.30 A.M.
25th December, at 10.00 A.M.
31st December, at 8.30 P.M.

A Mail will close for:—

Shanghai, Yokohama and Kobe—Per *Empire*, 13th Dec., 9 A.M.

Hoihow and Haiphong—Per *Chihli*, 14th Dec., 9 A.M.

Manila—Per *Swanley*, 14th Dec., 11 A.M.

Shanghai—Per *Ningpo*, 14th Dec., 5 P.M.

Shanghai—Per *Kwongsang*, 14th Dec., 3 P.M.

Shanghai—Per *Tingsang*, 15th Dec., 11 A.M.

Singapore, Penang and Bombay—Per *Ischia*, 15th Dec., 11 A.M.

Manila—Per *Tean*, 15th Dec., 2 P.M.

Singapore—Per *Tanshui*, 15th Dec., 2 P.M.

Ningpo and Shanghai—Per *Yochow*, 15th Dec., 3 P.M.

Shanghai, Yokohama, Kobe and Moji—Per *Kutsang*, 16th Dec., 10 A.M.

Europe, &c., India, *via* Tuticorin—Per *Gothen*, 16th Dec., 11 A.M.

Shanghai—Per *Chiyang*, 17th Dec., 11 A.M.

Samarang and Sourabaya—Per *Kwichow*, 17th Dec., Dec., 3 P.M.

Manila, Zamboanga, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle—Per *Taiyuan*, 18th Dec., 3 P.M.

Cebu and Iloilo—Per *Kaifong*, 18th Dec., 3 P.M.

Manila—Per *Leongsang*, 18th Dec., 3 P.M.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver, (B.C.) (Will take letters to Europe marked via Siberia)—Per *Empress of India*, 18th Dec., 6 P.M.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco, (Will take letters to Europe marked via Siberia)—Per *Manchuria*, 19th Dec., 11 A.M.

Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per *Nomsang*, 21st Dec., 11 A.M.

Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle—Per *Taiyuan*, 21st Dec., 3 P.M.

Tsingtau, Nagasaki and Vladivostock—Per *Ascania*, 21st Dec., 4 P.M.

Europe, &c., India, *via* Tuticorin—Per *Dumbea*, 22nd Dec., 11 A.M.

Manila—Per *Taming*, 22nd Dec., 2 P.M.

Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Seattle—Per *Tosa Maru*, 22nd Dec., 3 P.M.

Singapore, Penang and Colombo—Per *Wakasa Maru*, 22nd Dec., 5 P.M.

Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama—Per *Kumano Maru*, 23rd Dec., 11 A.M.

Manila, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle—Per *Nikko Maru*, 24th Dec., 11 A.M.

Manila—Per *Yuentang*, 25th Dec., 9 A.M.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco—Per *Chiyo Maru*, 26th Dec., 10 A.M.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco, (Will take letters to Europe marked via Siberia)—Per *Hongkong Maru*, 26th Dec., 10 A.M.

Manila, Yap, Fr. Wilhelmshafen, Simpsonhafen, Herbertshohe, Matupi, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne—Per *Prinz Waldemar*, 31st Dec., 4 P.M.

TO-MORROW.

St. John's Cathedral.

13th December, 3rd Sunday in Advent.

Holy Communion 7.30 a.m.

Matins 11 a.m., Responses: Ferial, Venite: Turle, Psalms: of the 13th morning, (II.), Benedicite: Hopkins, Elvey, Hopkins, Benedictus: Langdon, Hymns: 258, 217 and 47, Preacher: Rev. A. Dallas Ennis, C. F.

Evensong 5.45 p.m., (Full Choir), Responses: Ferial, Psalms: of the 13th evening, (I), Magnificat: Nunc Dimittus: Wesley in F., Anthem: "In this dread hour" If with Your whole Hearts, Spohr, Hymns: 209 and 49, Sevenfold Amen, Preacher: The Lord Bishop of Victoria, Voluntary: Sonata in B flat Mendelssohn.

N.B.—Psalm 69, Verses 1, 2, 5, 6, 13, 14, 25, 26, 31 and 32, in unison.

,, 70, ,, 1, 5, 6, ,, [Turle.]

St. Peter's Church.

Queen's Road West.

3rd Sunday in Advent.

Holy Communion 7.30 a.m.

Morning Prayer 11 a.m., Venite; Turle, Psalms; Woodward, Te Deum; Oakeley, Benedictus; Cooke, Hymns; 46, 40, 68 and 496, Kyrie.

Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m., Gloria; Magnificat; Crotch, Nunc Dimittis; Savage, Hymns; 74, 69, 371 and 13, Kyrie.

The Church launch *Dayspring* will call on ships carrying white crews to bring friends ashore to the services between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m., and between 5.15 and 6 p.m., (Kowloon Police Pier, 10.30 and 6 p.m.), returning afterwards. All the sittings are free and unappropriated. Visitors welcome. Books, &c., provided.

Sunday school 10 to 10.45 a.m.

Roman Catholic Cathedral:—Mass at 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and 9.30 a.m., Benediction, 5.30 p.m.

German Bethesda Chapel, West Point:—Morning Service, 11 a.m.

St. Francis' Church, Wanchai:—Mass (*Chin*), 6 a.m. (*Port.*), 7.30 a.m. Benediction, 5 p.m.

St Joseph's Church, Garden Road:—Morning Service (*English*), 10 a.m.

St Anthony's Chapel, West Point:—Mass, 8 a.m.

The Rosary Church, Kowloon—Every Sunday, Mass at 7.30 a.m. and Mass, followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, at 9 a.m.

Union Church:—Services, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

GUESTS AT THE HOTELS.

HONGKONG.

Adams, P. R.
Anderson, G. E.
Backer, Mr. & Mrs. R.
Baldwin, Miss M. L.
Black, Dr. G. D. R.
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Coombes, B. A.
Crook, A. H.
Doble, J. S. O.
Dorin, Mrs. J. C.
Ellis, Dr. K.
Euers, J.
Esrom, F.
Fenwich, Mrs. G. W.
Fseke, F.
Fuller, Denman
Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. J.
Gubbay, R. A.
Hall, Capt. T.
Hartson, Mr. and Mrs. W. G.
Hewett, Hon. Mr. E. A.
Innes, Capt. R.
Koerner, Mr. and Mrs.
Laverton, G. A.
Lewis, Mrs.
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Packer, R. I.
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Pearse, Dr. and Mrs. W. W.
Periudorge, Dr. & Mrs G. de
Phipps, L. E.
Ray, E. H.
Robinson, W. Vaughan
Rodger, Mrs. R. and child
Schaefer, Mr. and Mrs. A.
Schomian, W.
Shaw, K. A.
Spittles, J.
Stebbing, W. T.
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Thomas, T. S.
Trowbridge, C. R.
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Bolton, Mr. and Mrs.
Bowen, Mr. and Mrs.
Campbell, Miss Carter
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Phillips, Major
Piggott, Sir Francis
Probyn, Major
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CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

December 11th, 1908, a.m.

			Bar.	Th.	Hu.	Wind	Wr.
Vladivostock	7	a.m.	30.04	30	62	—	0	0
Nemuro	6	a.m.	30.04	—	—	E	2	—
Hakodate		,,	30.13	—	—	W	0	—
Tokio		,,	30.34	—	—	—	0	—
Kochi		,,	30.39	—	—	SW	2	—
Nagasaki		,,	30.35	—	—	E	2	—
Kagoshima		,,	30.35	—	—	NE	2	—
Oshima		,,	30.28	—	—	—	0	—
Naha		,,	30.17	—	—	E	6	—
Ishigakijima		,,	30.05	—	—	E	6	—
Bonin Is.		,,	30.40	—	—	E	2	—
Chefoo	6	a.m.	30.34	36	80	S	1	b
Weihaiwei	9	a.m.	30.37	44	—	W	1	o
Hankow	6	a.m.	30.46	47	85	NW	1	o
Kinkiang		,,	30.38	49	78	NE	1	o
Shanghai	9	a.m.	30.33	53	100	NE	2	cmd
Gutzlaff		,,	30.28	55	100	NE	4	fr
Sharp Peak		,,	30.18	62	94	NW	1	or
Amoy	6	a.m.	30.10	64	89	NE	1	c
Swatow		,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Taiboku		a.m.	30.13	—	—	—	0	—
Taichu		,,	30.05	—	—	—	0	—
Tainan		,,	30.05	—	—	N	2	—
Koshun		,,	30.04	—	—	—	0	—
Pescadores		,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Canton	9	a.m.	30.25	58	81	N	1	or
Hongkong	10	a.m.	30.18	64	75	W	1	o
Victoria Peak		,,	—	—	—	NNE	1	—
Gap Rock		,,	30.16	—	—	NNW	4	—
Macao		,,	30.22	67	—	NW	1	c
Wuchow	9	a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hothow		,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pakhoi		,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Phullen	8	a.m.	30.24	61	—	N	2	o
Tourane		,,	30.15	68	—	—	0	o
C. St. James		,,	29.99	77	—	NW	1	o
Aparri	6	a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	10	a.m.	30.00	81	76	—	0	o
Legaspi	6	a.m.	30.01	79	—	E	1	o
Bacolod	9	a.m.	—	—	—	NNE	1	op
Iloilo		,,	29.95	81	—	NE	1	c
Cebu		,,	29.95	80	—	N	1	o
Labuan		,,	29.86	80	—	—	—	—

December 12th, 1908, a.m.

Vladivostock	7	a.m.	30.27	15	74	NE	1	b
Nemuro	6	a.m.	30.01	—	—	NW	6	—
Hakodate		,,	30.17	—	—	N	4	—
Tokio		,,	30.14	—	—	—	0	—
Kochi		,,	30.15	—	—	SW	2	—
Nagasaki		,,	30.15	—	—	N	4	—
Kagoshima		,,	30.08	—	—	E	6	—
Oshima		,,	30.08	—	—	SW	6	—
Naha		,,	30.13	—	—	E	2	—
Ishigakijima		,,	30.09	—	—	SW	4	—
Bonin Is.		,,	30.32	—	—	E	2	—
Chefoo	6	a.m.	30.31	37	81	SW	1	c
Weihaiwei	9	a.m.	30.32	40	—	W	1	o
Hankow	6	a.m.	30.51	45	92	W	1	b
Kinkiang		,,	30.41	49	93	W	2	o
Shanghai	9	a.m

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

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STOCKS.	NO. of SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT: RESERVE	POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT: AT WORKING ACCOUNT.	LAST DIVIDEND.	APPROXIMATE RETURN, AT PRESENT QUOTATION, BASED ON LAST YEAR'S DIV.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.								
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	120,000	$125	$125	£1,500,000 $14,000,000 $250,000	$2,005,774	Interim of £2 for first half year @ ex 1/9½=$21.942	5¼ %	$850 sellers £80 sellers
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	£7	£6	£4,009 $150,000	$10,823	$2 (London 3/6) for 1903	...	$50
MARINE INSURANCES.								
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	$250	$50	$1,560,000 $232,757 $411,990	6086	$14 for 19.7	7¼ %	$195 buyers
North China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	£15	£5	£125,000 Tls. 150,000 Tls. 303,747 Tls. 118,277	Tls. 162,512	Final of 7/6 making 15/- for 1907	5¼ %	Tls. 102½
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	12,400	$250	$100	$2,000,000 £90,000 $302,478 £189,695 $727,449	$2,506,011	Final of $15 making $45 for 1906 and interim of $30 for 1907	5¼ %	$825 buyers
Yangtsze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	$100	$60	$1,000,000 $190,032 $685,757	$591,763	$12 and bonus $3 for 1906	9 %	$165 buyers
FIRE INSURANCES.								
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	0,000	$100	$20	$1,000,000 $448,097 $13,802 $1,323,041	$1,372,432	$6 and bonus $2 for 1906	7½ %	$105
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	8,000	$250	$50	$7,000	$128,027	$29 for 1906	8 %	$350 sellers
SHIPPING.								
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited	30,000	$25	$25	$364,638 $99,067	Nil.	$2 for year ending 30.6.1908	7½ %	$33 buyers
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	20,000	$50	$50	$250,000 $587,500 $81,766 $17,655	$17,755	$1½ for first half-year ending 30.6.08	8½ %	$393 sellers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ld. (Preferred)	60,000			£10,000	£13,755	6/- for 1907 on Preference shares only @ ex 1/9/11/16=$3.154	5¼ %	$37
Do. do. (Deferred)	60,000	£5	£5	£240,000				$17
Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	200,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 75,000	Tls. 14,510	Interim of Tls. 1½ for account 1908	7½ %	Tls. 48 sellers
Do. (Preference)	100,000							Tls. 51 buyers
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited	2,000,000	£1	£1	£720,005 £ 00,000	£68,817	Final of 1/- making 3/- for 1907 and interim of 1/- (No. 10) for a/c 1908	7 % 6 %	48/-
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	$10	$10	$ 5,000	$98	$1.00 $0.50 for year ending 30.4.1908	4 % 2½ %	$24 $15
	10,000	$10	$5	$47,221				
Taku Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	30,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 8,00 Tls. 42 ,479 Tls. 7 ,000 Tls. 8 ,000 Tls. 12,000	Tls. 6,869	Final of Tls. 2½ making Tls. 5 for 1907	11 %	Tls. 45 sellers
REFINERIES.								
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	20,000	$100	$100	$32,538 $450,000 $56,848	Dr. $279,871	$8 for year ending 31.12.06	...	$112½ buyers
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited	7,000	$100	$100	none	Dr. $135 158	$3 for 1897	...	$20 sellers
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	7,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 100,000	Tls. 9,875	Tls 3½ for year ending 31.8.07	...	Tls. 82½ buyers
MINING.								
Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ld.	1,000,000	£1	£1	£171,000	£11,556	Final of 1/6 (coupon No. 11) for year ending 29.2.08	7½ %	Tls. 16½ buyers
Rand Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited	150,000	£1	18/10	£12,289	Dr. £2,191	No. 12 of 1/-=48 cents	...	$9½ sellers
	50,000	£1	£1	£4,878				
DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.								
Fenwick (Geo.) & Co., Limited	18,000	$25	$15	$55,601	$8,726	$1.75 for year ending 31.12.06	...	$12
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ld.	60,000	550	$50	$50,000 $26,806 $40,000	$8,556	Final of $1½ making $3½ for 1907	7½ %	$44 sellers
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ld.	50,000	$50	$50	$76,193	$384,347	Interim of $4 for account 1908	8½ %	$91 sellers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ld.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	$200,000 Tls. 1,000,000	Tls. 23,742	Final of Tls. 2½ making in all Tls. 5 for year ending 30.4.08	6½ %	Tls. 75 sellers
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company, Limited	36,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 697,257 Tls. 75,000 Tls. 185,000	Tls. 28,686	Interim of Tls. 4 for account 1908	5¼ %	Tls. 137½ buyers
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.								
Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ld.	25,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100		Tls. 6,551	Tls. 6 for 1907	6 %	Tls. 100
Astor House Hotel Company, Limited (Shanghai)	30,000	$25	$25	Tls. 25,000	Dr. $3,220	$2½ for year ending 30.6.07	...	$16
Central Stores, Limited	50,128	$15	$15	$20,000 $1,000	$9,178	$1.80 for 1906	...	$14 buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	$50	$50	$648,975	$14,639	Interim of $3 for account 1908	7½ %	$80 buyers
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ld.	50,000	$100	$100	$28,000 $250,000	$36,915	Interim of $3½ for account 1908	7½ %	$93 sellers
Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited	150,000	$10	$10	$217,486	$4,621	70 cents for 1907	7½ %	$9½ sellers
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	6,000	$50	$30	$50,000 none	$653	$2½ for 1907	6½ %	$35
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 1,523,045	Tls. 107,347	Interim of Tls. 3 for account 1908	7 %	Tls. 117 buyers
West Point Building Company, Limited	12,500	$50	$10	Tls. 170,000 none	$1,541	Interim of $2 for account 1908	9 %	$46
COTTON MILLS.								
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ld.	15,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50		Tls. 8,807	Tls. 2½ for year ended 31.10.1907	5¼ %	Tls. 71 sales
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	125,000	$10	$10	Tls. 150,000 Tls. 45,939 $20,000	$9 553	50 cents for year ending 31.7.08	5 %	$10 sellers
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ld.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75		Tls. 8,572	Tls. 6 for year ended 30.9.06 (8 %)	...	Tls. 60
Laou-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ld.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 175 000	Tls. 6,308	Tls. 8 for 1906	...	Tls. 72½ sellers
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 400	none Tls. 28,257	Tls. 50,663	Tls. 50 for 1906	...	Tls. 250
MISCELLANEOUS.								
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	12/6	12/6		£648	1 10½ per share for 1907=$1.037	12 %	18 buyers
China-Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	$12	$12	£1,500	Nil.	$1.20 for 1907	11 %	$11
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	$10	$10	$25,000	61,138	60 cents for year ended 28.2.06	...	$5½
Do. Do. special shares	50,000	$1	$1	none	13 593	80 cents for 1907	8½ %	$9½ buyers
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ld.	125,000	$10	$10	$120,000	$48	$1.30 for year ending 31 7.08	5¼ %	$22½
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	25,000	$7½	$6	$10 1,000 $8 000	$5.078	Interim of 40 cents for account 1908	10 %	$10 sellers
Green Island Cement Company, Limited	400,000	$10	$10	$12,000	$251	75 cents for 9 months ending 31.12.07	8 %	$12 buyers
H. Price & Company, Limited	12,000	$10	$10	$5,000	18,959	$2 for year ending 28.2.08	10 %	$20½ buyers
Hall & Holtz, Limited	11,000	$20	$20	$186,000	$9,321	$1 and bonus 20 cts. for year ending 29.2.08	6½ %	$18 buyers
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	60,000	$10	$10	none	$4,578	Interim of $4 for account 1907	8½ %	$230 sellers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	$25	$25	$120,000	$8,191	Interim of $1 for account 1908	8 %	$24
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ld.	60,000	$10	$10	none	Tls. 17,127	Interim of Tls. 10 for 3rd quarter	5¼ %	Tls. 870 buyers
Maatschappij tot Mijn-, Bosch- en Landbouwexploitatie in Langkat, Limited	25,000	Gs. 100	Gs. 100	Tls. 547,500	$7,471	80 cents on fully paid shares and 6 cents on $1 paid shares for year ending 30.4.08	9 % 4 %	$14 $2
Peak Tramways Company, Limited	25,000	$10	$10	Tls. 27,003				
Peak Tramways Company (new)	50,000	$10	$1					
Philippine Company, Limited	75,000	$10	$10	$5,000	Nil.	None	...	$8
Shanghai Gas Company, Limited	84,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	none	Tls. 6,603	Final of Tls. 4 making Tls. 7½ for 1907	6½ %	Tls. 117 buyers
Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited	30,000	Tls. 20	Tls. 20	Tls. 100,000	Tls. 8,493	Final of Tls. 9 making in all Tls. 14 for 1907	12 %	Tls. 125 sellers
Shanghai Waterworks Company, Limited	16,350	£20	£20	Tls. 24,820 Tls. 75,000	Tls. 58,332	Final of 37/6 making 52/6 for 1907	...	Tls. 425 buyers
South China Morning Post, Limited	6,000	$25	$25	Tls. 190,000	Dr. $90,237	None	...	$24
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	$ 5	$ 5	none	$256	40 cents for year ending 31.5.08	8 %	$5
Tientsin Waterworks Company, Limited	2,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	none		Tls. 6½ for year ending 30.4.07	...	Tls. 94 buyers
Union Waterboat Company, Limited	50,000	$10	$10	Tls. 15,295 Tls. 4,000	Tls. 201 $111	50 cents for 1907	5 %	$10
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	10,000	$10	$4	agua	$1,360	$80 cents on 9,000 ord. shares and $19.80 on 100 Founders shares for yr. end. 31.5.07	6½ %	$13 buyers
Watson, (A. S.) & Co., Limited	90,000	$10	$10	$35,000	$6,438	Interim of 30 cents a/c 1908	6½ %	$9 buyers
William Powell, Limited	15,000	$7	$7	$300,000 $25,000 none	$3.95	Final of 30 cts. making 80 cts. for the year ended 30th June, 1906	...	$4

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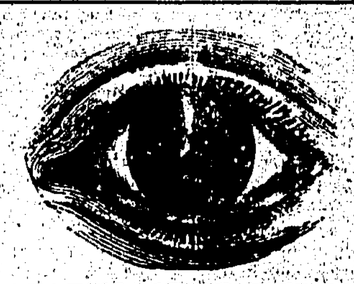

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